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G. Leckfeldt, Esq.

June 21st 1878.

Camp of Bullion

Mint Bureau, Treasg Dept.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to proceed to the Philadelphia Mint on or about the 25th inst. and remain there until the completion of the Annual Settlement of the accounts of the operative officers.

In connection with Mr. M. V. Davis, who is now on special duty at that Mint, you will carefully note the details of the Annual Settlement, the wastages incurred, Receipts accrued and sold, and any other details that may be useful for me to know in connection with the operations of that Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30th inst.

You will on your return to Washington, make a detailed report in writing, of your observations in connection with the settlement.

The Superintendent of the Mint is hereby requested and instructed to afford you every facility for the performance of the duties enjoined upon you.

Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

June 21st 1878.

Sup't. Mint, U. S.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail a Book for silver coin deliveries called for in your requisition for stationery submitted some time since.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

E. O. Leach, Esq.

June 21st 1898.

Mint Bureau, Treasg Dept.

Sir:

You are hereby directed to proceed to the U. S. Assay Office at New York on or about the 25th inst. and remain there until the completion of the Annual Settlement of the accounts of the operative officers.

You will carefully note the details of the Annual Settlement, the wastages incurred, sweeps accrued and sold, and any other details that may be useful for me to know in connection with the operations of that office during the fiscal year ending June 30th inst.

You will on your return to Washington, make a detailed report in writing of your observations in connection with the settlement.

The Supt. of the Assay Office is hereby requested and instructed to afford you every facility for the performance of the duties enjoined upon you.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. R. H. M. Davidson

June 21st 1898.

Quincy, Florida.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your reference of a letter of Mr. Wm. B. Malom, relative to mutilated and abraded U. S. Coin, I have to state that there is no section of law prohibiting the passing of such coins which however can only be done at whatever rate may be agreed upon by the parties passing and taking the same. Section 3459 Revised Statutes U. S. declares it a felony to deface, mutilate, impair or the coins of the

United States.

Mutilated, abraded or defaced coins are received at the Mint and returns made for their bullion value, the transmission of the same to the mint, as well as of the coin in return, being at the expense of the owner.

Mr. Malom's letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. A. White, Esq.

June 21st 1898.

Bradford, Pa.

Sir:

Your postal card, without date addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed of the value of a Russian Rouble or a Russian Govt. Bond of 3000 Roubles Silver, has been referred to this Office.

Foreign coin having no legal tender in the United States, possesses simply a value as bullion, and as such, a silver rouble if full weighted, is worth, at current quotation for silver bullion, about 67 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents gold.

In ordinary parlance in Russia a "rouble silver" means a rouble in paper for coin, the term "metallic rouble" is used and paper is at a discount varying with the rate of exchange and from many other causes.

A bond of 3000 Roubles Silver, as I understand, it would refer to paper valuation and its market value would depend also upon the "series" to which it belongs.

I enclose a slip from the "London Bullionist" of June 8th furnishing the quotations in the London Market on that date for Russian Securities.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 21st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am informed by the Secretary of the Treasury that he has instructed the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Baltimore - to forward you by Adams Express Company \$193.50 light weight gold coin for re-coinage. You will please receive and cause this coin to be recoined and transmit your account for loss on the same to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Dr. M. V. BorgansJune 21st 1878.

U. S. Mint, New Orleans.

Retain any part or the whole of the workmen after June 30th and arrange for proper care of Mint until Superintendent under new law shall have been appointed and qualified.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Dr. M. V. BorgansJune 21st 1878.

U. S. Mint, New Orleans, La.

The receipt of deposits at your Mint will be discontinued after thirtieth inst.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Confirmed.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 22^d. 1878.

Supt. Mint

Philadel^a.

Sir:

I enclose herewith, duly signed, Medal Fund Voucher in duplicates for one Gold First Class Medal (Life Saving.)

Your account for the same has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement; and in due course of business a draft for the amount (\$1.) will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 23^d. 1878.Supt. Mint, Phil^a.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 21st inst. requesting to be informed of the date of the Act terminating the coinage of the twenty cent piece, I have to inform you that the Act was approved May 2^d. 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.June 22^d. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Army Office

New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion V^{cs} for the Second Quarter of the present calendar year.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

H. Lilover, Esq.

June 23. 1878.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 17th inst., I send you by today's mail a supply of Blank Official Bonds, Affidavits of puncties, and oaths of office.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director

Hon. John ShermanJune 24th 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Act making appropriation for the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1879, contains an appropriation of \$75,000. for placing the Mint at New Orleans in condition for coinage, with the following proviso:-

"Provided, that before the expenditure of any money for the Mint at New Orleans, the City of New Orleans shall release and quit claim to the United States all title and all claim of every character and all conditions of forfeiture to the lands and premises upon which said Mint is located."

I respectfully suggest that the Dept. take such action as to it may seem proper, to have the provision of law above referred to, complied with by the authorities of the City of New Orleans as early as may be practicable.

I have the honor to be.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director

Hon. John ShermanJune 21st 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The continued increase in the business of this Bureau and the magnitude of our coinage operations renders necessary the employment of an additional clerk, and one who possesses mathematical qualifications of a high order. The clerks at present employed in this office are men of excellent character and well qualified for their duties respectively, but I should have an additional clerk for the preparation of statistical tables, verification of exhibits and other papers which I am constantly required to sign. I therefore request that a properly qualified person now employed in the Department and whose qualifications for the duties referred to are well known, may be assigned to duty in this office, and that until an appropriation for his compensation can be procured the same be paid out of the appropriation contained in an Act entitled "An act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollars," and which became a law, Feb. 28, 1878. This Act has largely increased the business of the office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 24th. 1898.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that Mr. H. C. Stier, a clerk in the Office of the First Auditor of the Treasury, may be detailed to assist Mr. Leech of this Office, in weighing the coin and bullion in the hands of the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York, and that delivered by the Operative Officers of that Institution on the Annual Settlement of their accounts, now in progress.

The services of Mr. Stier will probably be required three or four days, and his actual expenses paid from the Contingent Fund of this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

June 24th. 1898.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in the name of H. L. Dodge, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000.) dollars, in standard silver dollars, on account of Profits on Coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 24th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of 22^d. inst. in reference to the coal supplied the M. & R. Dept. has been received. On reflection I now remember that when you informed me some time since that the coal used was of good quality, it was that supplied for steam purposes which was referred to, which together with the fact that the Meehan & Refiner gave you no notice of the inferior quality of that supplied his department, relieves you from any censure in the matter that may have been implied in one of my recent letters.

In the great press of business at your Mint and the large increase in the responsibilities and duties of your office I can well understand that the details of business in the operative officers' depts cannot receive as much attention on the part of the Supt. as they otherwise would, but now that the matter of the coal supply has received a careful examination, I feel confident that you will so arrange matters as to leave no cause of complaint from any source.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 24th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadel^a

Sir:

Doctor Bongans will arrive in your City from New Orleans by Wednesday of this week and will expect to meet me there, but I find that I cannot leave here at the present time.

I should Dr. Bongans call upon you, you will please say to him that I desire him to come immediately to Washington D.C.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 24th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadel^a.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Office what additional amount can be covered into the Treasury as profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars during the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.June 24th 1878.

Assayer in Charge,

Assay Office, Helena.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement, your Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ for the month of May, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.
Helena, Montana.

June 24th. 1898.

My dear Sir:

Although I have not yet received a certified copy of the Appropriation Bill for the next fiscal year, I am able to state that the appropriation for wages at your Office is \$5000; and for incidentals \$5,515, and one clerk at a salary of, I believe, \$1500. I send you herewith two letters covering an application in behalf of Arden R. Smith Jr. of St. Louis. You will see that the young man is strongly endorsed and recommended.

I would be glad to have this young man employed at your Office if you can find some place for him. If you can consistently give him some employment, I will thank you to correspond directly with his father in St. Louis, and as early as practicable.

I am sorry to trouble you but in this case it appears to be unavoidable, but I promise to give you a long spell for the future i.e. not to bother you again upon a similar matter.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Assay Office, Helena.

June 24th. 1898.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$329.⁶⁰ payable from the appropriation for Salaries of your Office for the current fiscal

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Dear

Hon. Nathan Cole, M.C.

June 24th 1898.

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I have this day written to Chas. W. Rumley, Attorney in Charge of U. S. Army Office, at Helena, Mont. requesting him to give Arden R. Smith, Jr. a position in that office, and if he can do so, to correspond with the young man's father at St. Louis.

Please advise the latter of the fact.

I hope and expect that Mr. Rumley will be able to give the young man some suitable employment and that Mr. Smith will hear from him in due course of mails.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. C. Llier, Esq.

June 24th 1898.

First Auditor's Office

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

Upon receipt hereof you are requested to proceed to the U. S. Army Office at New York, to be present and assist Mr. E. O. Leech, of this office, at the Annual Settlement of the accounts of the operative officers.

You will upon your return, present your account for traveling expenses to this office for settlement.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jno. S. Dyer, Esq.
1338 Chestnut St.

June 24th. 1878.

Phlad^a.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 22^d. inst. requesting to be furnished with statements monthly of the operations of the U. S. Mints.

As soon after the close of each month as reports are received from the several Mints, I shall take pleasure in furnishing you with the statement requested.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.

June 24th. 1878.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand \$100,000, dollars in standard silver dollars to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name and that your Bullion Fund be increased by the transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dist Auditor
Treasury Dept.

June 24th. 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense of the Assayer in charge of the Helena Assay Office for the month of May 1878.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman, Director

J. A. Buckner, Esq.
Bristol, Tenn.

June 24th, 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st inst. requesting to be informed if the Mint can furnish you with Mexican dollars.

Mexican dollars are not legal tenders in the United States and are not furnished by the Government.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 25th, 1898.

Sir:

I have to request that you will transmit to this Office as early as practicable after the close of the current fiscal year the following statements, viz.

1st Statement showing the total amount of silver purchased at your Mint during the fiscal year, and paid for in gold coin.

2nd Statement showing the total amount of silver purchased and paid for in standard silver dollars during the fiscal year.

3rd Statement showing the amount of silver parted from gold, and paid for in gold coin, and standard silver dollars respectively.

I have also to request that the Annual Statements required by law and Regulations heretofore prescribed, may be transmitted as early as practicable after the close of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to —

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Chas. C. Acton, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

James Crawford, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 25th 1878.

Sir:

By today's mail I send you some printed blanks for the Engineers report.

You will please have an accurate record of the several items indicated therein kept and transmitted to this Office regularly at the close of each month.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

J. C. Acton, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Jas. Crawford Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson. Nev.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

June 25th 1878.

Please state by wire approximate profits on coinage of standard silver dollars to date.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to

Sup't. Mint

Carson. Nev.

(Confirmed.)

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

June 25th 1878.

State by wire approximate
 amount of gold and silver bullion respectively
 in your bullion fund close of business fifteenth
 instant.

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to
 Supt. Mint
Carron, Nev. (Confirmed.)

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

June 25th 1878.

Pay balance required for
 Wages of Workmen on Separate Roll from Silver
 dollar fund.

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Confirmed.

Hon. John Sherman
 Secretary U. S. Treasury.

June 25th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will
 cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S.
 in the name of James Collock, Supt. of the Mint
 of the U. S. at Philadelphia, the sum of ninety
 thousand (90,000) dollars, in standard silver dollars,
 on account of Profits on coinage of standard silver
 dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of said
 Mint be increased by the transfer of the same
 amount.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Hon. John Sherman

June 25th 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the United States, in favor of James Pollock, Sup't. of U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, for the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) payable from the appropriation contained in the first section of an act to authorize the issue of the Standard Dollar &c. passed Feb'y 28th 1878.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.

June 25th 1878.

Attorney, U. S. Army Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. in which it is stated that the draft to meet the expenses of wages and contingencies at your office for the month of May, had not been received, and that the Overland Stage was burned by the Indians on the 11th inst., and that it was almost certain that the draft was destroyed at that time.

I have referred your letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request that a duplicate draft for the amount (\$300,000) be sent you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

June 20th 1878.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, in which you ask for my construction of the 4th section of the Coinage Act of 1873 in reference to the Coinage Act of 1873 in reference to the allowance for wastage on bullion which has been delivered to the Melter and Refiner but not operated upon by that officer; and which he will deliver to the Superintendent at the Annual Settlement in precisely the same form in which he received it.

The intention of the law is undoubtedly to confine the allowance for wastage to bullion unavoidably lost in the operations necessary to bring it to the coinage standard.

Bullion delivered by the Supt. to the Melter & Refiner, and returned in the same condition by the latter in settlement of his account, cannot be considered as bullion which has been operated upon.

This bullion when delivered by the Melter & Refiner in settlement, should be itemized in the statement and deducted from the total amount charged the Melter & Refiner during the period embraced in the present settlement, in order that the wastage may be settled upon the basis of bullion actually operated upon.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Mrs. L. N. WadeJune 25th 1898.

Augusta

Georgia.

Madam:

Your postal addressed to the Treasury Dept. & dated the 20th inst. has been referred to this Office.

In answer I have to say that we have no list whatever of old coins. Should you address a communication to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, I presume that Officer could give you the address of some dealer in old coins, either in that city or in New York, who would give you the information desired.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Gas. Crawford, Esq.June 25th 1898.

Supt. Mint.

Carson.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. transmitting Statement of Silver purchased during the week ending June 15th 1898, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 25th 1898.

Supt. Mint. Phila.

Sir:

I will thank you to have prepared and forwarded to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco without delay, twenty-four (24) each of Obverse and Reverse dies for standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadel^a.

June 25th 1878.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of \$10,000- on account of the coinage of standard silver dollars.

The draft for the same will reach you by the 28th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint
 Philadel^a.

June 25th 1878.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name the sum of ninety thousand (90000.) dollars in standard silver dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount on account of Profits on Coinage of Standard Silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

H. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

June 25th 1878.

Sir:

Silver having declined below fifty-three (53) pence, we have no cable code for London quotation.

I will thank you to arrange a cypher code that will give the quotation down to fifty (50) pence.

The quotation we get today is "almud", but we have no translation of that word.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

June 26th 1878.

Sept. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th inst. enclosing for payment on account of William Struthers & Sons, amounting to \$71.40 incurred in the years 1873, 74, 75 & 76, and have to inform you that the balance to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal years 1873, 74 & 75, have lapsed into the Treasury, and are not available.

The balance to the credit of the appropriation for 1876 is only \$7.- We can therefore only pay at present the three last items in the account of Messrs. Struthers & Sons, and if they will render an account covering these items we will upon your approval pay the amount \$38.50.

The balance of the 4th of Messrs. Struthers & Sons cannot be paid until an appropriation for the payment thereof shall have been made by Congress.

I return herewith the account of the Messrs. Struthers for correction.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 26th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

By today's mail, I send you Blank Forms on which to make your reports of the purchases of Silver.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.H. L. Dodge, Esq.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Canon, Mass.

Hon. Jas. PollockJune 27th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. in reference to the 24 obverse and 24 Reverse dies for the standard silver dollars recently ordered for the San Francisco Mint, and stating that your Engraver can forward thirty-six pairs of these dies if desired.

In answer I have to say that if this number can be conveniently spared you may forward the same to the Superintendent

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadel^a

June 27th 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th inst. relative to a bill for a case for the Hayes Presidential Medal, amounting to \$3.50. I have to state that as this case was for official use, a Treasury draft for the cost of the same will be sent to you in a few days.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

June 27th 1878.

Referring to the inquiry contained in letter enclosed in your communication of 19th inst. our answer is that whenever the party has silver ready for delivery we will consider a proposition at a price not above the equivalent of the London rate computed at current rate of Sterling Exchange on day of sale, payable in silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Barren. Nev.

June 27th 1878.

Sir:

Your a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the month of May 1878, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

to Adolph Sainctelette
Brussels, Belgium.

June 27th 1878.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor bearing date June 14th inst.

I send you by mail today copies of Mr. Raymond's Report for the years 1874, '75 & '76. I shall take great pleasure in sending you a copy of my book called "Money and Legal Tender" in the United States as soon as received from the publishers in New York.

Be pleased to accept my thanks for your kind offer to send me the monetary documents of M. Malou.

Very respectfully
H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
Bankers, New York, N.Y.

June 27th 1878.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of yesterday offering to sell a lot of silver at 115⁷⁵/₁₀₀ cents per oz. fine.

In reply, I have to state that we are not purchasing silver at present, and further, that when we resume the purchase, we shall not pay above the equivalent of the London rate computed at the current rate of exchange on the day of purchase.

Respectfully
H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Telegram. M. G. Bonzano,
Philadelphia.

June 27th 1878.

You will please come here.

H. R. Lindermann, Director.

Messrs. Handy & Brown
New York City, N.Y.

June 27th 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 26th inst. in which you propose to deposit silver for returns in Trade Dollars.

In reply I have to inform you that as the coinage mints will be fully occupied after the first proximo, with the coinage of silver dollars, we cannot receive deposits for returns in Trade Dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Michael Mahon
* 421 Eleventh St. City.

June 27th 1878.

Dear Sir:

Your Commission as Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans La. is in my hands. It bears date June 25th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Capt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 28th 1878.

Sir:

In response to the inquiry contained in your letter of yesterday, I have to say that this Office has no knowledge of any provision having been made by Congress for the retirement of the Silver 3¢ and 5¢ pieces.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia

June 28th 1878.

Sir:

I have received yours of the 17th inst. the same being a statement of domestic silver purchased from June 1st to 17th 1878.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Calvin J. Groues, Esq.
 Assayer gen.
 Charlotte, N.C.

June 28th 1878.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. in relation to the appointment of Mr. George B. Hanna as clerk in your Assay Office.

If you will submit the nomination of Mr. Hanna as Clerk at \$1000. per annum, it will receive prompt action; it would be well to submit his oath of office at the same time.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

J. Beckfeldt, Esq.

June 28th 1878.

Sir:

In the press of business and in writing your letter of instructions, I omitted to state that the Report of the Annual Settlement must be signed by Mr. M. V. Davis and yourself. Please so inform Mr. Davis.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

L. C. Acton, Esq.June 28th 1878.Sup't U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing a cypher code of the London Silver quotations.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

T. J. Whorts, Esq.June 29th 1878.

Atlantic City,

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th inst. has been received and referred by me to the Light House Board, from whence you will be informed as to the request therein contained.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

James B. Coolgate, & Co.June 29th 1878.

47 Wall St. New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to inform you that as the Philad^a Mint will be fully employed in making Silver dollars for at least some months to come, deposits for returns in Trade Dollars cannot be received.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

June 29th 1898.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 25th inst. transmitting statement of old material sold, together with a Certificate of Deposit for \$79.22 the same being the proceeds of such sales.

I return the statement herewith for correction, under date of May 14th 1898, is this item, "Cash received of Jas. C. Booth for old material sold \$33.75" - a list of these materials must be furnished.

Your attention is also called to the entry under date of June 14th "James C. Booth wood-ashes @ 10¢" carried out \$9.50 should be \$98.00.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Phila.

June 29th 1898.

Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing Certificate of Deposit #4539 for four hundred and fifty (460.) dollars on account of Profits of Medal Fund.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

June 29th 1898.

You will proceed to make the Annual Settlement according to laws and regulations.

Confirmed.

H. R. Linderman, Director

Hon. R. E. Tonton
 Jamestown, N. Y.

June 29th 1878.

Sir:

Mr. Plumb called here today and stated that you desired to have some information as to the official action of the United States with reference to the values and the relation of Gold and Silver."

In response to this suggestion I send you by mail today, a copy of a small work published by myself, entitled "Money and Legal Tender in the U. S." and which contains a brief history of the legislation in reference to coinage and legal tender money.

I would recommend that your Commission procure a copy of Little & Brown's Ed. of the laws of the U. S. which together with the book I send you, will enable any one to ascertain without much labor, what has been the official action of this Country in reference to the money standard.

At Mr. Forrebeck's request, and to comply more fully with the memoranda handed me by Mr. Plumb, I will send by the 9th prop. to the Commission, care of Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Supt. of the N. Y. Assay-Office, such documents and memoranda as in my judgment will facilitate the labors of the Commission.

Very respectfully,
 H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

July 1st 1878.

As soon as the Annual Settlement at the respective Mints and the Assay Office at New York shall have been completed, the purchase of silver bullion for coinage into dollars will be resumed under the regulations heretofore in force, but no offer at a price above the equivalent of the London rate, computed at the current rate of sterling exchange on the day of purchase, will be considered or accepted, and all purchases will be paid for in standard silver dollars.

(Signed) John Sherman

Secretary of the Treasury.

Telegram.

J. B. Kellogg,

June 29th 1878.

President, Pacific Refinery
San Francisco.

Will write you shortly
upon subject referred to in your despatch
of yesterday.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

June 29th 1878.

Report by mail cause of Acid
contractor failing to furnish required supply
and whether you apprehend any difficulty
in the future.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Dept. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 1st 1878.

Sir:

The purchase of silver bullion in lots not exceeding ten thousand ounces, payable in silver dollars, will be resumed at your Mint on and after the completion of the annual settlement.

Where the bullion requires parting or refining the seller will pay the usual Mint charges.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Dept. U. S. Money Office
 New York.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Dept. Mint
 Philad^a.

July 1st 1878.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$34,500. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879.	\$ 3,500.
Wages of Workmen		25,000.
Contingent Expenses		6,000.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 New Orleans, La.

July 1st 1878.

Sir:

All persons appointed by you for duty in the Office or dept. of the Coiner, Assayer, and the Melter and Refiner, must be on the nomination of those Officers in writing; each one for his own department.

All other appointments will be regarded as belonging to the general department, and to be made by yourself.

The deposit-melting room will be under the control of the Supt. and the deposit-melters will be appointed by him.

The Melter and Refiner's connection with the deposit-melting, is that of an advisory officer, as to the mode of melting etc.

In case the operative officers submit nominations which, for sufficient cause, does not meet the approval of the Superintendent, the nominations die in his hands, and new ones must be submitted.

The foregoing instructions are general in their character, being intended as a rule under the law by which appointments are to be governed. In case of any doubt arising as to the respective powers of the Supt. and the operative officers, reference may be had to the Director for further instructions.

All appointments will be submitted without delay, by the Superintendent to the Director for his action.

In case of all clerks, and principal assistants to the operative officers, a bond in the sum of \$5,000. will be executed and forwarded to this Office with the oath of office.

Bonds in like amount, or less, at the discretion of the officers, may be taken from any of the employes who have the handling of bullion or money. Such bonds, however, will not, in any sense, relieve the officers from their responsibility under the law.

As all appointments have to be approved by the Director of the Mint, and as it is not likely that he will have any particular knowledge of the persons whose names may be submitted, it will be necessary that some account of the persons who may be appointed, shall be transmitted for the information of the Director.

The Director respectfully recommends and urges that no persons be appointed, either as clerks, assistants or workmen who are not known to be men of reliable character.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 1st 1878.

Sir:

The commission of Joseph Albrecht, dated 28th ult: as Assayer of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans; of Samuel Weeks, same date, as Melter and Refiner of same Mint, and that of Dr. W. F. Bongans, Coiner of same Mint, are in my hands.

It is expected that Dr. Bongans will execute his bond and qualify here.

You will please request Mr. Albrecht to execute a bond according to the form herewith enclosed in the sum of \$10,000. and forward the same to this office. You will also request every

Mr. Weeks to execute a similar bond, and in same amount, and according to the enclosed form, and forward it to this office.

The affidavit of surety and oath of office will be given according to the forms herewith enclosed, and transmitted to this office with the bonds.

On receipt and approval of the bonds, the commissions of Messrs. Albrecht and Weeks, will be forwarded.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 1st 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

This will be presented to you by Mr. R. B. Harrison of Indianapolis Ind. who I have requested to report to you for duty.

You will please place him under the orders of the Assayer of the Mint with a request that that officer will afford Mr. Harrison all practicable facilities for qualifying himself to perform the duties of an Assistant in the Office of the Assayer of the Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 1st 1878.

Sup't. Mint. Phila.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 29th ult. enclosing coinage statements for the month of June 1878, together with the weekly

Statement of the same, and for the fiscal
year ending June 30th. 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

July, 1st. 1878.

Care of Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadel^a.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter to Hon. James
Pollock, Supt. of the Mint at Philad^a, which
you will present to that officer in person, who
will place you under the orders of the Assayer
of the Mint.

It is expected that you will give your
diligent and careful attention to the details
of assaying bullion, with a view to your
subsequent employment in the Office of the
Assayer of the Mint at New Orleans.

I enclose herewith blank form of
oath of office which you will execute before
reporting to the Supt. for duty.

Your regular appointment cannot be
made until the Assayer at New Orleans shall
have qualified. The matter will be attended
to at an early day. Your compensation will be
specified in nomination of the Assayer.

In the meantime lose no effort
to thoroughly qualify yourself in the de-
tails of assaying bullion.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hiramville Holmer, Esq.
U. S. Mint, Philad^a

July 1st 1878.

Dear Sir:

Dr. M. V. Bongano, has been appointed
Coiner of the Mint at New Orleans.

Your application for Assistant to the
Coiner, or other position in the Coiners Office,
will have to be made direct to the Coiner,
Dr. Bongano, who is now at the "Bingham
House" in your City. The law places all
nominations of persons employed in the
Coiners Office, in the hands of that Officer.

I enclose the papers which you have
filed in this Office in support of your applica-
tion in order that you may present the same
to Dr. Bongano.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

David Bradford, Esq.
Weatherly, Penna.

July 1st 1878.

Dear Sir:

I have referred your application for a
position in the U. S. Mint at N. O. to the Supt.
of that Institution, Michael Hahn, Esq. in
whom, together with the operative Officers, the
power to make appointments is vested by law.

In a note to Mr. Hahn, I have said a
good word for you, but I think you had better
get your brother-in-law and other friends
in New Orleans, to speak to Hon. Randall Libon,
and also to Mr. Hahn in your behalf.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. F. Borgans, Esq.
New Orleans.

July 1st 1898.

Sir:

I have received your commission as binner of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans.

I have to request that you will without delay, execute a bond in the sum of ten-thousand dollars (*10,000.) with two sureties on the blank form of bond enclosed herewith.

I also enclose blank form of Oath of Office, and affidavit of sureties required, to accompany your bond.

Your commission is dated June 28th 1898 and will be transmitted you as soon as your bond shall have been received, and approved by the Secretary.

Your early attention is requested.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St. New York City.

July 1st 1898.

Gentlemen;

In reply to your letter of the 29th ult^o, I have to state that the purchase of silver bullion for coinage, at a price not exceeding the equivalent of the London rate computed on the current rate of Sterling Exchange on the day of purchase, payable in silver dollars, will be returned, on the completion of the Annual Settlement at the Assay Office say about 5th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Telegram.

Lieut. Mint

San Francisco.July 1st 1898.

The purchase of Silver bullion in lots not exceeding ten thousand ounces payable in Silver Dollars will be resumed at your Mint on and after the completion of the Annual Settlement. Where the bullion requires parting or refining the seller will pay the usual Mint charges.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Lieut. Mint

Carson, Nev.July 1st 1898.

The purchase of Silver bullion in lots not exceeding ten thousand ounces at the equivalent of the London rate, will be resumed at your Mint on receipt hereof. When any operations are necessary to bring the bullion to the condition of fine silver, the seller will pay the usual Mint charges. All purchases of silver will be paid for in silver dollars.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

Gen. Benford, Esq.

Lieut. Mint,

Carson.

July 1st 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th ult.^o transmitting Certificate of Deposit #1047 for \$545⁰⁰/₁₀₀, Earnings of the Refinery for the month of June 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Geo. H. Norwood, Esq.
Savannah, Ga.

July 1st 1878.

Sir:

Your application for a position in the Mint Service has this day been referred to the officers of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

I will write the New Orleans Officers to give you a position if it be practicable to do so.

Yours very truly

H. R. Linderman.

Fredrick Wagner, Esq.
Baltimore, Md.

July 1st 1878.

Sir:

Your application for a position in the Mint Service has this day been referred to the Dept. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Laura C. Tucker
Carson City, Nev.

Frank Ginterman
Washington D. C.

Cornelius Moran, Esq.
New Orleans, La.

A. L. Barnett, Esq.
Lloyd's P. O. Va.

Jos. B. Walker, Esq.
American Industrial College
Louisville, Ky.

Hon. Wm M. Croesbeck

July 3, 1878.

U. S. Commissioner to International
Monetary Convention.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request made by you, I transmit by Express today care of U. S. Assay Office N. Y. City, five copies of my book on "Money and Legal Tender in the United States."

Copies of my official Annual reports for 1873-75-76 and 1877; six copies of "Instructions and Regulations" in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States.

On page 9 of my report for 1873 you will find a brief history of the coinage of the United States, and on page 13 of the Report for 1877 you will find an approximate estimate of the present Annual production of the precious metals from the mines of the United States.

Pages 46 and 57, Report for 1877, contain some interesting information in relation to silver bullion at San Francisco in connection with the Lehman trade.

Pages 74 to 117, Report for 1873 contains, in a more condensed form than is found elsewhere, an account of the money system of the principal countries of the world.

I am unable to furnish you with a copy of my report for 1874, the edition having been for some time exhausted.

I send a statement of our coining operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878.

It is expected that the New Orleans Mint will be in condition to commence the coinage of silver dollars by the first of October at furthest. After which it is probable that a considerable

amount of silver will be received at that point, from Mexico. The export of Silver from San Francisco to China and Japan, during May and June of this year, has been nearly five millions of dollars (\$5,000,000.) and realized to the owners, on an average about the same price that silver commanded at the same time in London.

A few weeks hence, I will be able to send you more definite information in relation to the movements of silver in this country, than I can at present - the detailed reports from the different mints for the last fiscal year, having not yet been received.

At the suggestion of a friend of Commissioner Denton, I mailed to him, at Jamestown, N. Y. one copy of my work on "Money and Legal Tender." In so far as this work refers to the date of the different acts of Congress in relation to money and legal tender, I believe it is absolutely correct. And it is in this respect that I think it will be of service to the Commission, especially in the saving of time.

You will find in the package, a table of value, in U. S. gold coin, of silver, based on London quotation. The first column contains the London quotation in pence, the second column, the equivalent in U. S. gold coin of an ounce of pure silver, one thousand fine, and the third column, the equivalent in U. S. gold coin, of an ounce of silver, U. S. Standard, 900 fine.

The value in U. S. money of any quotation in pence, in this table, the pound sterling is taken at the legal par - $4.86\frac{65}{100}$.

Should any thing further suggest (over)

itself as likely to be of use to the Commission.
I will send it to you at Paris, care of the
American Legation.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

S. C. Nelson, Esq.

July 2^d 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I send, to your care, by mail today, a
letter addressed to the Hon. Wm. M. Groesbeck,
and by exp. a package containing books,
pamphlets etc. to the same address.

The letter and package will be called
for by Mr. Groesbeck, or some one in his behalf,
on or about the 9th inst. I will thank you
to see that the letter and package re-
ferred to are properly cared for and delivered
to Mr. Groesbeck or his order.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

July 2^d 1878.

Sup't. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th
ult: enclosing a statement of Silver purchases
for the month of June 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
Bankers, N. Y. City.

July 3^d. 1878.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to state that the Annual Settlement at the Assay Office having been completed, I suppose we will be able to resume the purchases of silver, and any offer, at a price not exceeding the equivalent of the London rate which you may think proper to submit, will be acted upon without delay.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Lieut. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 3^d. 1878.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this Office as early as practicable a detailed statement of the Annual Settlement of the operative officers accounts of your Mint, for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram. M. G. Bongars,
Hotel La Fayette
Philadelphia.

July 3^d. 1878.

A communication was sent you yesterday at Bingham House.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.July 3^d. 1878.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th ult. transmitting certificate of deposit for \$20. on account of sale of old materials, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.July 3^d. 1878.

Lieut. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th ult. enclosing Certificate of Deposit #1052 for \$21,194.⁷⁴/₁₀₀, the same being the earnings of your Refinery from the 1st to the 15th ult.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John ShermanJuly 3^d. 1878

Secretary, U. S. Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York be increased one million \$1,000,000. dollars by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars.

This increase is required to pay for purchases of silver bullion.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mr. WhitneyJuly 3^d 1878.

Dear Sir:

Up to 10 minutes to three o'clock a.m.
we are without London quotation for silver.
Will you please ascertain the cause of delay.
The difficulty must be in New York.

Yours truly

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. J. Condes, Esq.July 3^d 1878.

Attayer in charge

Assay Office, Charlottes.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Expenses $\$$ for the months of April,
May and June, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. M. Floyd, Esq.July 5th 1878.

Chief Clerk, U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this
office, one copy of your Book of London & New
York Silver rates, also your account for the
same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

B. R. Jamison, Esq.
N. W. Cor. 3rd and Chestnut Sts.
Philad^a. Pennas.

July 3rd 1878.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of yesterday I have to state, that we have not yet taken up the question as to fitting up a refinery in the Mint at New Orleans, and will probably, not do so until after the reorganization of that Institution shall have been completed.

Dr. Bongars, the owner of that Mint, being now in your City (at Hotel La Fayette), I have requested him to call upon you and look at the pots, in order that he may understand what they are when the question of a Refinery at New Orleans is to be considered.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Dr. M. V. Bongars,
Hotel La Fayette,
Broad St. Philad^a.

July 3rd 1878.

Sir:

If you have time I would be glad if you would call upon B. R. Jamison, Esq. Cor. 3rd & Chestnut, Sts. and look at some porcelain precipitation pots, which he owns, or controls.

Without reference to the refining operations you may find use for some of these pots provided they could be obtained at a sufficiently low rates.

All that you need do for the present however is to take a look at them so that you will know what they are in case it should be determined to use any of them at

your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 3^d 1878.

Sir:

I have received yours of the 2^d inst. enclosing the following statements, viz:

1st Statement of minor coins redeemed, re-issued and exchanged, during the month ending June 30th 1878.

2^d Statement of minor coins redeemed, re-issued and exchanged for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878.

3^d For the Secretary, ^{of the} Treasury, Statement of minor coinage operations for the month ending June 30th 1878.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, Phila.

July 3^d 1878.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft No. 4521 in favor of C. C. Schlusser, for \$3.50, issued in payment of his fee for case containing Hayes Presidential Medal transmitted by you to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 3^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2^d. inst. transmitting Certificate of inspection and regulation of the Troy Weights in ordinary use in your Mint.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

W. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York.

July 3^d. 1878.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail a book of Government Salary Tables, which I will thank you to use in paying Salaries of Officers and Clerks at your Office.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

W. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. Assay Office
 New York.

July 3^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the Bullion Fund of your Office to be increased one million (\$1,000,000.) dollars by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Y. C. Acton, Esq.

July 3^d. 1878.

Subt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In calculating the wages of the workmen on the refinery-roll of your monthly expense 4c, you are hereby authorized & instructed to pay them at par in coin when the quotation is under 1 per cent.

This will not apply to the bills included in the same account.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Y. C. Acton, Esq.

July 3^d. 1878.

Subt. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail six coin check books; the balance of your requisition will be forwarded before long.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Telegram.

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

July 3^d. 1878.

New York City.

We will purchase the silver at one hundred fifteen and fifty-two hundredths cents per ounce fine payable in silver dollars, good for today only.

H. R. Lindermann

Director Mining.

Similar telegram sent to

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

New York City.

Handy & Cronise

34 Nassau St. New York City.

Confirmed
July 5th 1878.

George Morgan, Esq.

436 S. 40th St. Philad^a.

July 5th 1878.

Sir:

Whilst the head on the obverse of the silver dollar is very good indeed, the eagle on the reverse looks a little as if it had been drawn from a model instead of from life, and it is evident that the Artist has suffered from a necessity of crowding so much in a limited space.

The wreath under the eagle rather unduly competes with the bird, and I think that the Old English letters might have been omitted and modern letters used in their place.

The changing of devices after a coin is once issued to any considerable extent is not good policy and for that reason I think it doubtful whether we should sanction any change in the devices of the silver dollar, unless there should be by law a change in the weight of the piece.

With a view to get a good eagle for the gold coins less than the double eagle, as well as for the silver coins of less denomination than the dollar, I desire that you will make a new model of an eagle and cut therefrom a new reverse for the silver dollar, omitting the wreath, and substituting the modern letters now in use at the Mint, for the Old English letters. If you should succeed in getting an entirely satisfactory representation of an eagle, it is probable that we shall adopt it at some future time. The model must be regarded as an experiment and will be submitted to me for inspection.

I also desire you to prepare an experimental die for the gold eagle, the head of

Liberty, of course being the principal device.

Whilst the face should be of the Grecian type, it should be without a cap, and having the hair confined with a band on which the word Liberty should be inscribed.

The reverse of the gold coins of less denomination than the double eagle, and exclusive of the dollar piece should contain the figure of an eagle, with the inscriptions required by law, omitting the inscription "In God we trust," if the space should be insufficient for it. The wings of the eagle should be outspread, but not uplifted, the tips of the wings pointing down.

In preparing the experimental dies for the gold coins, it is my desire that they be so prepared, that when coins are struck by them they should be slightly concave and not as thick as our present gold coin.

Mr. Du Bois, the Assayer of the Mint is very familiar with these points, and I desire that you should show this letter to him, and confer freely upon the points embraced in it.

These experimental dies contemplate a decided improvement in our coinage, but as no changes whatever will be adopted, unless very decided improvement be achieved, the utmost care should be taken in preparing the sketches and models.

In view of the importance of this work and the expense which it involves, you are expected to give it your most careful and unremitting attention.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 5th 1878.

Sir:

The Act making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the Government for the current fiscal year, approved June 19th 1878, reenacts the provision requiring the Mints and Assay Office at New York to refine and part bullion, and appropriates the charges collected for these operations for defraying the expenses of the operations, and forbids the use of any part of the moneys otherwise appropriated for the support of the Mints and the Assay Office at New York for defraying the expenses of the operations referred to.

Another section of the same Act contains the following provision, viz: "And it shall be lawful to apply the moneys arising from charges collected from depositors at the several Mints and Assay Offices pursuant to law to defraying the expenses thereof, including labor, material, wastage and use of machinery; and only so much of the appropriations herein made for the Mints and Assay Offices respectively shall be used for said Mints & Assay Offices as shall be necessary for the operations of the same, after the moneys arising from the charges aforesaid shall have been exhausted as herein provided. But in no event shall the expenditures of said Mints and Assay Offices exceed the amount of the specific appropriations herein made for the same."

I do not regard this last provision as conflicting with the first to which I have called your attention, and unless otherwise

directed by you, we shall continue to regard the law as requiring the refineries of the Mints and the Assay Offices at New York to be self-sustaining, that is to say, the charges collected from depositors for refining and parting will be applied to the payment of the expenses thereof after being first paid into the Treasury of the U. S. to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting & Refining bullion."

The only charges not included in the refinery charges proper are those for alloy, for the manufacture of Trade Dollars and for assays of ore. These charges may under the last section of law referred to be used for defraying the expenses of the Mints and Assay Offices, but as the concluding paragraph of the section referred to expressly provides that the expenditures of the Mints and Assay Offices shall not exceed the amount of the specific appropriations made for the same, I can see no advantage whatever from using the moneys which may arise from the three classes of charges referred to.

It would be better, in my opinion, to have the funds arising from those charges covered quarterly into the Treasury of the U. S. as miscellaneous receipts, especially as it would be very difficult to determine what portion of the same should apply to wages and what portion to Contingent Expenses.

I shall be pleased to receive your instructions on the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 5th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. appointing John Martin as a laborer in the general dept. of the Mint at \$2.75 per diem.

In view of the facts hereinafter stated, I withhold my approval of this appointment until I shall hear from you whether it is actually necessary or not.

There is a clause in the Act containing the Mint appropriations which provides that the total expenses of the Mints (excluding the Refineries) shall not exceed the amount of the specific appropriations made for the support of the Mints respectively.

The appropriation for wages of workmen for your Mint for the current fiscal year is equal to \$3,750. per month, whilst your monthly pay-roll, without extra time amounts to \$26,200. per month.

We would only be justified in continuing the force of workmen in excess of $\frac{1}{12}$ of the Annual Appropriation on the ground that it would be necessary to enable the minimum amount of silver dollars to be coined.

If we can secure an amount of silver at San Francisco and Carson, to keep those Mints moderately employed, on silver dollars, it will be necessary in the near future to make a reduction of force at your Mint.

If the silver cannot be procured at those Mints, then it will be necessary to run your Mint to its maximum capacity and with an expectation of calling for a deficiency appropria-

tion at the next meeting of Congress, unless it should be found within the power of the Secretary of the Treasury to make a transfer of some part of the appropriations from one mint to another.

We shall probably know in the course of a week or two, whether the holders and producers of silver bullion on the Pacific Coast, will sell to the Government on the terms offered by the Secretary of the Treasury, and can then better determine the proper course to be pursued with regard to the retention of your present force. In the meantime I am of the opinion that no further addition to the force should be made.

The section of law above referred to will no doubt be held by the Comptroller of the Treasury to repeal the appropriation clause of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and if so, no further advances on account of the manufacture of the silver dollar, can be made, except as to contracts made and expenses incurred prior to the 30th ult.:-

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, Phila.

July 5th, 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. enclosing Certificate of Deposit 4563, for \$338.¹²⁰/₁₀₀ on account of Parking, Refining and Bar charge.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 5th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Soon after the passage of the law authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, I explained to you verbally, why a transfer balance should be provided and all deliveries of bullion between the Superintendent and the Operative Officers, made thereon, and that the law clearly contemplated the same.

In examining the preliminary statement of the Coiner's Settlement, (furnished by Mr. Eckfeldt) I find that that officer's gold-wastage was less than one ounce.

It can hardly be possible that more gold was not wasted in the Coiner's operations, and it appears that the Coiner has, in some way, reduced his gold-wastage at the expense of that of the Melters and Refiners. To what extent of course cannot be scarcely estimated.

I understand from Mr. Eckfeldt, that the new balance is now in place ready for use, and I hope that you have made all necessary arrangements to make the deliveries between the Operative Officers on that balance. I recommend that you at once, designate some one now connected with the Mint, to perform the duties of transfer clerk, and submit the appointment in the usual form.

After I shall have received from you a full report of the Annual Settlement, I shall probably have something more to say upon the subject of wastage.

You will please instruct whomever you may place at the transfer scales, to see that

the clippings etc. from the boiner, are free from all grease and adhering substances in order that the Melter & Refiner may be charged only with the bullion actually delivered to him.

I need scarcely add that none but a weigher of approved experience should have charge of the transfer weighing.

You will please see that these instructions are put in force without delay.

Whilst I do not desire or intend to interfere with the proper business of the Lept., I suggest that, all things being considered, Mr. M. V. Davis, would no doubt be the best man to appoint transfer clerk. He has had large experience in such matters.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Lept. Mint, Phila.

July 5th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. enclosing certificate of deposit #4564 for \$60.²⁵/₁₀₀, received from the Assayer of your Mint on 4th of the Assay of ores etc. for the six months ending June 29th 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 5th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund $\frac{1}{2}$ for the quarter ending June 30th 1878; also your Refinery Expenses $\frac{1}{2}$ for the month of June 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.July 5th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided, in a general order, that silver bullion will be purchased at the different mints, at a price not exceeding the London rate, computed on the basis of sterling exchange in New York on the day of sale, payable in silver dollars.

Whilst you will no doubt be able to purchase some small lots of silver on these terms and pay for the same at the counter of the mint, it is doubtful whether any large lots can be purchased on the same terms, unless payment be made in San Francisco, and it may be that sellers will insist on receiving in addition to the equivalent of the London rate, the cost of transportation of silver from San Francisco to your mint especially if the silver be fine bars, purchased in the San Francisco market.

As we do not know the terms which holders will ask for silver to be delivered at your mint, it does not appear worth while to

decide the question of the cost of transportation in advance.

If you should at any time, be able to secure an offer for any considerable amount of silver in San Francisco deliverable at your Mint, at the equivalent of the London rate, the Mint to pay the cost of transportation to Carson, and payment in silver dollars to be made in San Francisco, you will please communicate the same to this Office in order that the instructions of the Secretary may be taken.

Unless we can procure a reasonable supply of silver for coinage at your Mint, your working force will have to be materially reduced.

It will be well for you to confer with the holders and producers of bullion as early as may be practicable, reporting the result to this office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Sept. Mint

July 5th 1898.

Carson, Nev.

The appropriation for replacing Boilers is available. You should get estimates from different responsible firms with a view to due economy. I wrote you to this effect today before receiving your despatch.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Gas. Crawford, Esq.
Subt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

July 5th, 1898.

Sir:

I procured at the recent session of Congress an appropriation of \$8,500. for "replacing the boilers and enlarging and rebuilding the boiler-house" at your Mint, and which appropriation is now available for that purpose.

I suppose it will be advisable to contract at an early day, for this work, or for so much of it, as necessarily has to be done by workmen not employed in the Mint.

It will be necessary for you to procure an estimate for replacing the boilers, from different well-known parties, with a view to do the work at the least possible expense, consistent with the procuring of boilers of the best quality and workmanship.

With these instructions and suggestions and having the most implicit confidence that you will see to it that the money is properly and economically expended, I leave the matter to your discretion.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram. Subt. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 5th, 1898.

Should you be able to procure any large Office for the sale of silver at the equivalent of the London rate we will arrange for payment by draft on San Francisco.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

the start, and particularly in organizing their respective offices.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. S.orton, Esq.

Princeton

Monroe Co. Mo.

July 5th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter without date, requesting to be furnished with certain information relative to the price of silver during the years 1877 and 1878. I send you by current mail a copy of my Report for 1877, containing on pp. 37-38 weekly quotations to the close of that fiscal year.

My forth-coming report will embrace a continuation of the quotations to date and I shall take pleasure in transmitting a copy to your address.

The quotations in the public press \$1.17 @ \$1.18 for bar silver refer to commercially fine silver 996½ thms. to 999½.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

S. C. Norton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 5th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. transmitting a recapitulation of Melchers Refiners' settlement account of gold & silver for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

G. C. Acton, Esq.

July 5th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Notwithstanding the reduced charges for parting down bullion at your Office, which leads to reporting partable metal on a larger percentage of deposits, than formerly, the clerks of this Office who were present at your Annual Settlement, report a large surplus of gold returned by the Melter & Refiner.

In view of this fact I am of the opinion that so much of the "Instructions & Regulations" which allows the Melter and Refiner to make deductions on gold deposits in certain cases, should be abrogated.

Before giving instructions however to that effect, I should be glad to have your views upon the subject.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 5th 1898.

We have purchased of Handy & Cronise three hundred thousand ounces fine silver. J. & W. Seligman & Co. two hundred thousand ounces, and J. B. Colgate & Co. fifty thousand ounces all at the rate of one hundred and fifteen fifty-two one hundredths cents per ounce fine. You please receive and make payment for same in silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

U. C. Acton, Esq.
 Lieut. Assay Office
 New York.

July 5th, 1878.

Sir:

When transmitting detailed statements of your Annual Settlement, and the operations of your Office during the last fiscal year, please include a statement from the Melter & Refiner showing in detail the sources from whence the surplus gold returned in settlement was derived and the same as to Silver.

In a separate report I would be obliged if the Melter & Refiner will state as nearly as practicable the actual amount of silver wasted in his operations during the year. I do not suppose this can be very accurately ascertained, but I should like to have it as closely as possible for the purpose of comparison.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

U. C. Acton, Esq.
 Lieut. U. S. Assay Office, N. Y.

July 5th, 1878.

Sir:

We purchased on the 3^d inst. for delivery at your Office of Messrs. Handy & Cronise, 200000 ounces fine silver of Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. 200000 ounces, and of Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co. 50,000 ounces, which you will please receive and pay for at the rate of 115 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram. Subt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

July 5th 1898.

You may pay such approximate amount on the three lots of silver purchased on third instant as you may deem safe & proper.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram. Subt. Assay Office
New York.

July 5th 1898.

The Assistant Treasurer will be instructed by today's mail to place one million silver dollars to your credit.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram. Subt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 5th 1898.

One million silver dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer today, by wire.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Henry S. Dodge
White Sulphur Springs
California.

July 5th 1898.

I congratulate all of you on your excellent settlement. When you send detailed reports have melter & Refiner include statement showing approximately the source from whence surplus gold and silver was derived.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.July 5th, 1878.

Capt. &c.

San Francisco.

Sir,

I enclose herewith for your information the account (duplicate), of Henry Groemmer, Esq. for a set of U. S. Standard Weights and Measures, recently furnished your Mint.

The $\$$ has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the Contingent Appropriation for your Mint for fiscal year ending June 30th, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.July 5th, 1878.

Capt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir,

Your Official Bond as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, executed in the sum of \$20,000., and bearing date of the 28th ult., has been approved and referred to the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury for file in that Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Ward & CroniseJuly 5th, 1878.

24 Nassau St. New York.

Superintendent Assay Office authorized to pay approximate value on delivery of Silver.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Phipps & AbellJuly 5th, 1878.

27 Old Broad St. London.

Sir:

We have not received your valuable weekly circular since March 7th. 1878, and shall be glad if you will transmit to this Office those issued since that date as well as your Annual Circular.

We will cheerfully remit any expense incident to your furnishing the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

A. G. PorterJuly 5th, 1878.1st Comptroller.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for file in your office the official Bond of Michael Hahn, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, executed in the sum of \$20,000.- and bearing date of the 28th ult.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 6th, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letters of the 5th inst. enclosing respectively Statement of Moneys received for Assay of Ore for the six months ending June 30th, 1878, and statement of old material sold for Quarter ending June 29th, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 6th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to purchase and have prepared for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at Denver Col., the following articles, viz:

One Nest Beaker Elased.

Nine dozen Annealing Cups.

Six " Mattresses (Assay)

One box Assay lead

Two Cupel Furnaces.

Two pair Cupel tongs large

400 Sand Crucibles size 7 inches high, 5 inches wide at top, outside measures.

Such of the above as can be safely shipped as freight should be securely packed and delivered to Major J. J. Damar, Quartermaster U. S. Army in your City for shipment. Our reasons for shipping through the Quartermasters Dept. are that we are not allowed by law to pay freight to any railroad which has received aid from the Government in its construction. Such articles as you deem best to forward by Express, you are authorized to do so.

I will thank you to give this matter your early attention as I am informed by the Assayer of the Denver Mint that the articles are greatly needed.

You will transmit the accounts for these supplies in duplicate to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

S. L. M. Bloodworth, Esq.
Unionville, Ga.

July 6th 1898.

Sir:

So much of your letter of the 1st inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, as relates to the value of Mexican dollars, has been referred to this Office.

Mexican coins are not legal tenders in the United States, and therefore possess only a value as bullion, as such Mexican Silver dollars are worth, at current quotation for silver bullion, about 90 cents per piece in gold.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Messrs. Rotengarten & Sons
Philadelphia.

July 6th 1898.

Gentlemen;

I will thank you to prepare and deliver to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster U. S. A. in your letter for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Denver 60 lbs. barboys Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, and one barrel Pure Nitre.

You will please transmit your account in duplicate accompanied by the Quartermasters receipt to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Major J. J. Dana
 Quartermaster U. S. A.
 Philadelphia.

July 6th. 1878.

Sir,

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons of your City, have been requested to deliver to you for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col. six (6) Carboys of Chemically Pure Nitric Acid, and one barrel Pure Nitre.

I will thank you to receive these articles and ship them as above indicated, forwarding bills for freight in duplicate to this Office for settlement, in the usual manner.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Major J. J. Dana
 Quartermaster, U. S. A.
 Philadelphia.

July 6th. 1878.

Sir,

The Hon. Jas. Pollock, Lieut. of the Mint in your City, has been requested to deliver to you certain articles for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col.

I will thank you to receive and forward the same, transmitting bills for freight (in duplicate) to this Office for settlement in the usual manner.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Messrs. Arthur & Bonnell57 Liberty St.
New York.July 6th 1878.

Gentlemen;

Your account for one copy of Lloyd's Silver Tables, forwarded to this Office on the 5th inst., has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount (\$) will be sent you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

David W. Miller Esq.

Jonesboro, Ills.

July 6th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst. addressed to the Treasurer U. S. requesting to be informed what is the exact value of the Mexican dollar, at the Treasury Dept., has been referred to this Office.

Mexican coins are not legal tenders in the United States, and therefore possess a value only as bullion; as such, Mexican silver dollars are worth, at current quotation for silver bullion, about 90 cents per piece in gold.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. J. A. Hubbell
1235 New York Ave.

July 6th. 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a statement of the value of the Gold and Silver deduced from the Assayer's Report of assays of ore from the Penobscot and Iron-drift Mines, Montana.

The Copy of the Report is also enclosed.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

July 6th. 1898.

Sir:

The supplies for which requisition was made in your letter of the 1st inst. will be purchased and forwarded as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Chg. Mint, U. S.
Denver.

July 6th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. transmitting classified statements of business at your Office during the month of June, 1898.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.July 8th 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$32,100.- from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1879	\$2,100.-
Wages of Workmen	"	\$3,000.-
Contingent Expenses	"	7,000.-

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.W. L. Dodge, Esq.July 8th 1878.Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to advance you the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars in Gold coin from the appropriation for Parting^g & Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director. Jas. Crawford, Esq.July 8th 1878.Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

You will please extend the leave of absence granted W^m M. Lynch of your Mint to the 1st prox.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. T. Bonzano, Esq.

July 8th 1898.

Coiner, N. O. Mint.

Hotel Lafayette, Philadel^a.

Sir:

As soon as you shall have made the necessary examination on different points connected with the re-organization of the Mint at New Orleans, you will please return to that City direct.

It is the desire of the Secretary ^{of the Treasury} that we should commence purchasing silver at New Orleans Mint with as little delay as possible.

This is one reason why I desire you to return to that City.

Upon receipt hereof, please advise me when you will leave and about what time you will arrive at New Orleans, in order that I may send the necessary instructions to the Superintendent.

If you are in possession of the necessary information to enable you to say what additional facilities are required to enable the purchase of Mexican dollars at the New Orleans Mint, melted and Assayed, I will thank you to communicate with me upon the subject, in writing, before you start: Also, please state whether the vaults are in condition for the care of the bullion until the coinage operations shall be commenced.

Referring to the paragraph in your letter in reference to the coinage of subsidiary silver, I have to inform you that we have a large stock of that coin unissued. It is not likely that you will be called upon for some time to come to make any coin of these denominations, but it is probable

that you will be required to make some of the smaller denominations of gold coin.

I have no objection to your taking New York en route for home.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. V. Bonzano, Esq.
Coiner, U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

July 8th 1878.

Sir:

Your Official Bond as Coiner of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans, executed in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and bearing date of the 3rd inst., has been approved and filed in the Office of the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Dr. M. V. Bonzano,
Hotel La Fayette
Philadel^a.

July 8th 1878.

Will not require you to come here. I send you some instructions by mail today, make arrangements to return to New Orleans soon as convenient as we desire to commence purchasing silver there soon as practicable.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

M. V. Bongars
 Hotel La Fayette
 Philad^e.

July 8th 1878.

Your Bond received and approved
 where shall your Commission be mailed.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director.

Henry Overmire, Esq.
 710 Market St.
 Philad^e.

July 8th 1878.

Sir:

Contrary to my expectation, Congress did not appropriate a sufficient amount for the Denver Mint to enable us to pay for a bullion balance, and it becomes necessary to consider whether the balance in use there could be repaired so as to answer the purpose until a sufficient appropriation can be procured, pay at the next session of Congress.

I suppose the balances (I believe there are two of them) need new agates, and it is possible that either a man from your establishment could be sent there and make the repairs, or possibly, the young man who has charge of the adjusting balances at the Philad^e. Mint, could make the repairs, or one of the balances, if there are two, may possibly be spared long enough to send it to you for repairs, followed by the other.

As you examined these balances a year or two ago, I would be glad to have any suggestions that you may think proper to make.

We have not yet considered what balances, weights etc. will be required at the New Orleans Mint, but will do so in the

course of a week or two.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. J. Cordes Esq.

July 8th 1898.

Assayer in Charge

Assay Office. Charlotte. N.C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$260.60 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	- - - 1899 - - -	\$210.60
Wages & Incidentals	- - -	50.-

The salary of the Clerk provided for by law at your Office will commence from the date of his official oath after his appointment shall have been approved, and he will be paid on the roll of salaried officers.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

E. C. Acton, Esq.

July 8th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co. 50,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office.

You will please receive and make payment for the same at the rate of 115³/₄ cents per ounce fines in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.July 8th. 1878.Assayer in Charge, Mint,
Denver.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$200.⁷⁵ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1877	\$669. ⁷⁵
Wages of Workmen	"	751.
Contingent Expenses	"	600.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.H. Silver, Esq.July 8th. 1878.Lieut. U. S. Mint
Denver. Col.

Sir:

The enclosed copy of a letter to Henry
Thommner, Esq. is furnished for your information.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.B. F. Taylor, Esq.July 8th. 1878.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. you are informed that no "specifications" have been "presented to the Government" against you.

So far as my knowledge extends, your character has never been called in question by any one.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. C. P. Terry
Governor

July 8th 1898.

Olympia, Wash. Tc.

Sir:

In my forthcoming Annual Report, I desire to give as accurate an estimate as possible, procured from reliable sources, of the production of Gold and Silver from the mines of the United States.

I shall be indebted if you will cause to be furnished to this office, a statement showing the respective amounts of Gold and Silver produced in your Territory during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. Geo. W. Emery
Governor

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Hon. Jas. M. Thayer
Governor

Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Hon. M. Brayman
Governor

Boise City, Idaho.

Hon. J. L. Pennington
Governor

Yankton, Dakota.

Hon. L. B. Adell
Governor

Sancti L^e . N. M.

Hon. Geo. P. Hoyt
Governor

Tucson, Arizona.

Hon. B. D. Potts
Governor

Helena, Montana

Hon. J. W. W. Holliday

Governor

Richmond, Va.

July 8th. 1878.

Sir:

In my forthcoming Annual Report, I desire to give as accurate an estimate as possible, procured from reliable sources of the production of Gold and Silver from the mines of the United States.

I shall be indebted if you will cause a statement to be furnished to this office showing the respective amounts of Gold and Silver produced in your State, during the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. Jas. D. Porter, Jr.

Governor

Nashville, Tenn.

Hon. Wade Hampton

Governor

Columbia, S. C.

Governor of Oregon,

Salem, Oregon.

Hon. Geo. L. Houston

Governor

Montgomery, Ala.

Hon. A. H. Colquhitt

Governor

Atlanta, Ga.

Hon. Jno. L. Routt

Governor

Denver, Colorado.

Hon. Wm. Irwin

Governor

Sacramento, Cal.

Hon. J. B. Vance

Governor

Raleigh, N. C.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 8th 1878.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

It is necessary that we should make a transfer of one million ounces fine silver from the Assay Office at New York to your Mint, as early as practicable.

I will thank you to inform this Office when you can receive the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 8th 1878.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will transmit to this Office at the close of business each Saturday, a statement showing the approximate amount of Gold and Silver bullion, and Gold and Silver Coin respectively, in your bullion fund.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

H. L. Dodge, Esq.J. C. Acton, Esq.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

Lieut. U. S. Assay Office

San Francisco.

New York.

James Crawford, Esq.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

Barren, N.Y.

V. N. Rider, Esq.

Washington, D.C.

July, 8th 1898.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft #4494 for \$9. issued in payment of your account for Art Journal, furnished this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

New Orleans, La.

July 8th 1898.

I have instructed the boiner to return direct to New Orleans to aid you in preparing for the purchase of silver as early as practicable. He will leave in a day or two.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

New York.

July 8th 1898.

Your offer accepted provided you will deliver the silver at Philadelphia Mint free of expense, payment to be made in silver dollars by draft on New York.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Messrs. J. P. Colgate & Co.

New York City.

July 8th 1898.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred fifteen and three tenth cents per ounce fine payable in Silver dollars is accepted.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Dr. M. T. Bongano
Coiner, U. S. Mint
New Orleans

July 9th 1878.

Sir:

Shortly after your Mint was first re-opened there was sent you from this Office a complete set of blanks which were in use at that time in the mint. I will thank you as soon as practicable after your return to New Orleans to transmit to this Office one copy of each blank sent at that time in order that we may have such corrections as may be necessary made, and any additional blanks that may be required prepared without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Lindermann
Director.

M. T. Bongano, Esq.
Coiner, Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans.

July 9th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith your commission as coiner of the Mint of the United States at New Orleans, La.

Respectfully
H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Telegram. H. T. Low.
San Francisco.

July 9th 1878.

Our limit is the equivalent of the London rate computed on current rate New York sterling exchange, payable in silver dollars. Seller pays porting charge.

confirmed. 3

H. R. Lindermann. Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

July 9th 1878.

Sir:

We have purchased of Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. 100,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint, free of expense. You will please receive and make payment for the same at the rate of 115 $\frac{52}{100}$ cents per ounces fine in Silver dollars by draft on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Your bullion fund will be increased \$500,000. to day by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and the same placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Upon the delivery of this silver you are authorized to pay the approximate value of the same to such extent as you deem safe and proper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philad^a.

July 9th 1878.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement, your Refinery Expense Ac for the month of June 1878.

In calculating the wages of the workmen on the refinery-roll you are hereby authorized & instructed to pay them at par in coin when the quotation is under one per cent.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 9th 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadel^a.

Sir:

The law requires the coinage of at least two millions of silver dollars monthly, and it being quite uncertain as to whether we will be able to procure any considerable amount of silver bullion for delivery at the Western Mints, it will be necessary for your Mint to coin silver dollars this month to its maximum capacity, in view of which, I have decided not to order any reduction of force at present.

We desire that you should coin during all of this month, one million five hundred thousand silver dollars if possible. To accomplish this, you are hereby authorized and instructed to require and allow for such overtime as can be advantageously employed, to secure that amount of coinage.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 9th 1878.Supt. Mint. Phil^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst. transmitting Statements of Coiners' Gold and Silver Workings for the months of May and June 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 9th 1878.

Sir:

Soon after the passage of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and after consultation upon the subject, you were authorized to make certain alterations and repairs and to procure some new machinery and apparatus. I suppose the alterations and repairs have been completed, and the machinery and apparatus procured, although I have not been advised officially of the fact.

You will please submit a statement showing the alterations and repairs made, and machinery and fixtures procured under the authority above referred to, and the cost thereof, and whenever the expenses exceeded the estimates, you will please state the same, and explain the reasons for such excess.

In this connection I beg to recall your attention to the fact that under the provision contained in the general appropriation Act, no advances for expenses for the current fiscal year can be made under the appropriation clause of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 9th 1898.

Sir:

If you can furnish me with 3 copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years ended June 30 1890, 91 and 92, I will be greatly obliged.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. John Sherman
 Secretary of the Treasury.

July 9th 1898.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia be increased five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.) in standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Supt. of said Mint, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
 Assayer &c. Denver, Col.

July 9th 1898.

Sir:

By today's mail I send you a portion of the Blank Forms called for in your requisition of the 1st inst.; the remainder will be forwarded as soon as received from the Public Printer.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mining
 Carson, Nev.

July 9th 1898.

Sir:

I will thank you to procure from Mr. Hobart, your State Comptroller, a statement exhibiting the amount of Gold and Silver produced in Nevada during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1898.

I regret that we have no available fund from which we could compensate the Comptroller for his labor and trouble in preparing this statement. Mr. Hobart has heretofore furnished similar statements which have been published in my previous reports and this statement is desired for my forthcoming report.

If there is any means by which you can obtain a reliable estimate of the amount of precious metals contained in base bullion and ore shipped from your State, I should be glad to be furnished with it also.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

My desire is to give the total Gold & Silver product respectively of the State. I do not understand the State Comptroller's report to include certain descriptions of base bars, concentrated ores, shipped East.

H. R. L.

James Crawford, Esq.July 9th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

I wrote you on the 5th inst. fully as to the basis on which we would purchase silver for coinage at your Mint.

No further action will be taken here unless you can get offers for sale in accordance therewith.

H. R. Linderman
Director

First AuditorJuly 9th 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Assayer in charge of the Charlotte Assay Office for the months of April, May, and June 1878, also the Refinery Expenses $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, for the month of June 1878.

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

G. J. Bowles, Esq.July 9th 1878.

Assayer in Charge

Assay Office, Charlotte.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your $\frac{1}{2}$ of Ordinary Expenses for the months of April, May, and June, 1878.

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Messrs. Horstman & Co.
 Cor. 5th & Cherry St.
 Philadelphia.

July 9th. 1878.

Gentlemen;

I will thank you to inform this Office the price at which you will furnish a U. S. Flag for the use of the Denver Mint Building.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Herman Libes, Esq.
 Assayer &c.
 Denver, Col.

July 10th. 1878.

Sir:

You will deposit all charges collected from depositors and for assays of ore, to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. and transmit Certificate of Deposit for the same, to this Office, as heretofore.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Similar letter addressed to
A. Wolters, Esq.
 Assayer &c.
 Boise City, Idaho

C. J. Bowles, Esq.
 Assayer &c.
 Charlotte, N.C.

Charles Rumley, Esq.

Assayer &c.
 Helena, Mont. Tg.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 10th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Act making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Expenses of the Government for the current fiscal year, approved June 19th 1878, re-enacts the provisions requiring the Mints and Assay Office at New York, to refine and part bullion, and appropriates the charges collected for these operations, to defraying the expenses thereof. You will therefore continue to deposit the charges collected for Parting and Refining as heretofore to the credit of that appropriation, and make your requisitions through this Office against the same.

The charges for alloy, the manufacture of Trade Dollars, and Assays of ore, you will deposit as early as practicable after the close of each month to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. as a miscellaneous receipt, and transmit Certificate of Deposit to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Jas. Cranford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Carson, Me.

J. C. Acton, Esq.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Gen. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 10th 1878.

Sir:

The weighing balance at the Denver Mint has become so much out of order that it should be sent to Philadelphia for thorough repair; but this cannot be done unless a balance for temporary use can be supplied them.

It has occurred to me that possibly the balance, until recently in use by the Melter & Refiner, - could be sent to Denver, and used there until the one prepared to be sent to the manufacturer for repairs can be put in condition, and returned.

I will thank you to consider the question, and let me hear from you as early as practicable.

I am informed that the Coiner's large balance is undergoing, or has undergone considerable repairs.

I will thank you to have the Coiner report through you, the condition of his weighing balance before it was taken down for repairs, and what portions of it had to be replaced with new material.

Respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.

July, 10, 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Dr. Bongars, whose Commission as Coiner, has been issued, informs me that he will leave New York for New Orleans on the 13th inst. and expects to arrive in your City by the 18th inst.

As soon after his arrival as practicable, you will consider what additional facilities, if any, are required to enable you to weigh, melt and assay silver bullion and safely store the same, and report the result to me.

I assume that by that time, the Assayer and Melters & Refiner will have furnished satisfactory bonds and that their Commissions will have been received by them.

It is the Secretary's desire that the purchase of Mexican Silver dollars at your Mint shall be commenced as early as practicable; and whenever you are ready to undertake the same, you will please advise me in order that the necessary authority and instructions may be given.

Also that a bullion fund in the form of standard silver dollars may be furnished you for the purpose of making payment for Mexican dollars which may hereafter be purchased.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. C. Hickok, Esq.July 10th 1898.

Actg. Supt.

U. S. Mint, Philad^a.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday in reference to the construction to be placed on my letter of the 28th of May, last, I have to inform you that it is deemed proper not to pay the Adams Express Co. for the transportation of any kind of coin or bullion, until settlement of the excess heretofore paid them, shall have been made.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.H. C. Hickok, Esq.July 10th 1898.Acting Supt. Mint
Philad^a.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday in which you state that the Mint will be prepared to receive, in about eight days, a million ounces of silver bullion from the New York Assay Office, I have to inform you that a transfer of that amount will be ordered about the 20th inst.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. C. Fahnestock, Esq.July 10th 1898.U. S. 1st Nat Bk N. Y. City N. Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday. It is probable that purchases of Mexican Silver dollars will be commenced at the New Orleans Mint in the course of a month. The price to be paid will not be above the equivalent of the London rate and payment will be made in standard silver dollars.

It is not probable that the coining of silver dollars at the New Orleans Mint will be commenced before the first of Oct^r, the intervening time, it is believed will be required to make the necessary repairs.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.July 10th 1898.Supt. U. S. Alloy Office
New York.

Sir:

In about ten days we propose to make a transfer of one million ounces fine silver from your office to the Philadelphia Mint.

I will thank you to prepare and forward to this Office the statement necessary to have the draft for the transfer issued.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.July 10th. 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment of your Ordinary Expenses &c for the month of May, 1898.

Warrant #20 is returned herewith for your approval. The price charged for 1 m Carson bricks in this bill, \$57.50 seems excessive.

Voucher #249 bill of C. B. Rail for hardware &c. contains no prices except totals of each purchase. The price of each article by the doz, lb. or however it is sold, should always be stated.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

First AuditorJuly 10th. 1898.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense &c of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the month of May, 1898.

Warrant #20 of the &c has been returned for correction.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.July 10th 1898.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst. transmitting classified statements of business at your Mint for the month of June and for the fiscal year 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.July 10th 1898.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst. transmitting statement of coins reserved for Annual Assay, sent to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Horstman, Bros. & Co.July 11th 1898.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to forward by Express to the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Col., one U. S. Bag 10 x 20 feet, and transmit your account in duplicate, accompanied by receipt of the Express Co. to this office for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary & Treasurer.

July 11th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to call your attention to the crowded state of the vaults of the Dept. of the Mint, U. S. at Philadelphia

There is now on hand at that Mint \$1,100,000. in standard silver dollars, and the Superintendent states that he has barely room to store \$100,000. in addition to that sum.

As the Philadelphia Mint will be required to run to its full capacity during the balance of the current month, I have to request that you will cause not less than \$500,000. in standard silver dollars to be transferred to the Treasurer of the U. S. as early as practicable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.

Assayer &c.

Denver, Col.

July 11th 1878.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, duplicate Invoices of one Barrel Nitrate Potash, and six Carboys C. P. Nitric Acid, recently shipped to your Mint by Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ for the same has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the Contingent Appropriation for your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 11th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday in which you state that on account of the oppressive & exhaustive heat of the weather, it will probably be found impracticable to coin one million five hundred thousand standard silver dollars during this month.

In reply I have to state that we do not desire any of the workmen to labor beyond their strength, and that all we expect is that you will do the best you can under the circumstances to comply with the instructions given; the manner of attaining the same is left to the judgment and discretion of your self and the operative officers.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 11th 1898.Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday in relation to the crowded state of your vaults and requesting a transfer of \$500,000. in standard silver dollars to the Treasury of the U. S.

In answer, I have to advise you that I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the said transfer to be made as early as practicable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 11th 1878.

Sir:

I have examined your Medal Fund Account for the Quarter ended June 30, 1878, and return herewith Voucher #25, amount received from sale of proof sets, with the request that you will explain why the last three proof sets (silver), were sold for \$3.⁰⁰ each, and the others for \$3.²⁵.

I would also be glad if you would explain how you arrive at the entry in your Account "Profits on proofs \$27.²²".

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup. U. S. Mint
 Philadel^a.

July 11th 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Account for the manufacture of Standard Silver Dollars, for the month of June, 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Telegram. Jas. Lawrence, Secy.
Sup. U. S. Mint
 Carson, Nev.

July 11th 1878.

You will melt and coin into standard silver dollars, all Trade Dollars that you may have on hand.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

M. S. Rangan, Esq.
New Orleans.

July 11th 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th in relation to your Accounts as Assayer in charge of the New Orleans Mint, I have to say that they should bear date prior to the 1st inst. and that you will sign with the official title which you hold during the period for which the Accounts were rendered.

In relation to the indebtedness of your Mint, if you have any bills for expenses incurred prior to the 1st of July, which you have no funds to meet, you will please forward them, after approval, to this Office for payment.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons
Manufacturing Chemists
Philadelphia.

July 11th 1878.

Gentlemen:

Your account for one barrel Nitrate of Potash, and six Carboys C. P. Nitric Acid, delivered to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster U. S. A. for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at Denver Col. has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount \$175.09 will be remitted to you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Sanford W. Buck, Esq.
Caton Rapids
Mich.

July 11th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. addressed to the Treasury Dept. enclosing a quarter dollar the genuineness of which has been questioned, has been referred to this Office.

The piece is genuine, but the ring is imperfect owing to a flaw or split that occurred in the manufacture.

As it would be improper to return this coin to circulation, I enclose herewith a perfect piece.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 11th 1898.

Sir:

Your statement of "Bars Manufactured" during the last fiscal year, shows the amount of fine silver bars to have been \$14,889.86 while the records of this Office, and your Monthly Statements show the following amounts, viz:

August 1897	\$ 1052.32
October "	4 854.88
April 1898	7 039.28
	<u>\$ 12,946.48</u>

The discrepancy probably occurs from an omission to report the amount in bars, for some month during the year.

I will thank you to inform this Office where the discrepancy exists in order

that the Records of this Office may be made complete.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Sept. Mint
San Francisco.

July 11th. 1898.

How many silver dollars can you coin this month with your present stock of silver.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Sept. Mint
San Francisco.

July 11th. 1898.

It will be better to sell the receipts at the offer received than to ship them East. If the offer is the best you can get, accept it.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Sept. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 11th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. enclosing a statement of the silver purchased at your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Gen. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 12th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting Statements of Deposits & Purchases Bars manufactured and Gold and Silver of Domestic Production for the month of June, 1878.

The Statement of Gold & Silver of Domestic Production gives the amount of Silver as \$941.09 and on the Statement of Deposits it is entered as \$12.28. I will thank you to inform me if the latter amount is not incorrect.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 New Orleans.

July 12th 1878.

Sir:

All applications received at this office for appointment in your Mint, will be referred to you.

You will understand that this reference has no significance beyond placing applications before you. The action to be taken thereon is a matter left to your own judgment, and that of the operative officers.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. John ShermanJuly 13th 1878.

5 Ave. Hotel

New York City.

Dear Sir:

The heat is so great in some of the operative rooms of the Philadelphia Mint that we shall not be able to coin more than one million of silver dollars at that Institution during the present month.

We have no silver at Carson except about 40000 trade dollars, which I have directed to be melted and coined into standard silver dollars.

At San Francisco we have silver sufficient for the coinage of 500,000 silver dollars.

Unless sufficient silver can soon be purchased at San Francisco we shall not be able to coin more than 1,500,000 silver dollars in all this month, but this will be sufficient to give an average of \$2,000,000 per month from March to July inclusive.

We have no offers for sale of silver at San Francisco or Carson. An inquiry as to price was made a day or two ago, and reply sent that the equivalent of the London rate was our limit.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Ballack & Son
Newark, N. J.

July 12th 1898.

Sirs:

In my forthcoming Annual Report, I desire to furnish as reliable an estimate as possible of the amount of domestic production of the precious metals, and the States or Territories from whence produced.

If compatible with your business interests, I shall be indebted if you will furnish me with a statement showing the respective amounts of Gold & Silver obtained from the reduction of ore at your Works, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898, and also showing the State or Territories from whence the ore was derived.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

C. B. Rustin Esq.

Presdt. Omaha Smelting Works
Omaha, Neb.

Telegram. Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St.

July 12th 1898.

New York City.

We will purchase the silver at one hundred and fifteen and forty-two hundredths cents per ounce, fine payable in standard silver dollars in your City provided you will deliver the silver at your expense at Philadelphia Mint.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Thos. G. Acton, Esq.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.July 12th 1878.

Sir:

I send you by Express today a box containing 42 Check books, which with the six heretofore sent you leaves ten to be furnished to complete the number called for by your requisition, and which will be sent you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.T. G. Acton, Esq.Supt. Assay Office,
New York.July 27th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday, enclosing the balance sheet of your Office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.T. G. Acton, Esq.Supt. Assay Office
New York.July 12th 1878.

Sir:

The request contained in your letter of yesterday, for a leave of absence for one week, is hereby approved.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. E. R. Loring
619, 19th St. City.

July 12th. 1898.

Dear Sir:

Please call and see me.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Herman Silver Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

July 13th. 1898.

Sir:

I learn upon inquiry, that there is a weighing balance at the Philad^a Mint, suitable for use at your Mint, and have directed the same to be carefully packed and forwarded to you by express. I suppose that there are persons in Denver who can put up this balance but if not, I will, on hearing from you to that effect, send a man out to put the balance in place.

After the balance to be sent from Philadelphia shall have been put in place and found to work well, you will carefully pack the balance now in use, and forward it to Henry Groeninger 710 Market St. Philad^a Pa. for repairs, advising this office when the shipment is made.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.

47 Wall St.

New York.

July 13th 1878.

Gentlemen:

Your telegram of yesterday, stating that you would accept our offer of 115 $\frac{42}{100}$ per ounce fine for 100,000 ounces fine silver, providing you could deliver the same at the Assay Office in your City, was received after the close of business, and reply deferred until this morning, when you were advised that we would accept the silver delivered at New York.

For the present we will make no further purchases for delivery at the Assay Office, but will continue to purchase for delivery at the Philadelphia Mint and make payment in silver dollars by draft on New York.

Our price will be the equivalent of the London rate at current rate of exchange on day of purchase.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate & Co.

New York

July 13th 1878.

We will take the silver in New York but will not for the present consider further offers for delivery at that point.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Longfirmed.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate & Co.
New York City.

July 13th. 1878.

Can take only the amount agreed upon.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Mr. Fred. K. Jones

July 13th. 1878.

28 Prospect St.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

You have been appointed "Deposit Melter" at the Mint of the U. S. in New Orleans at a compensation of four dollars per diem.

It is expected that the Mint referred to will be in readiness for active operations by October next. In the meantime you are assigned to duty at the Philad^a Mint for the purpose of familiarizing yourself with the duties of deposit melting which involves also weighing to some extent. It is expected that you will thoroughly acquaint yourself with the mode of melting deposits, the manner of transferring bullion from the Superintendent's receiving room to the deposit melting room and its return from the latter after melting, to the former etc.

You may report to Hon. James Pollock Supt. Philad^a Mint for duty on or about 1st prov: exhibiting to that Officer this letter.

Your pay will commence from the date of your oath and entry upon duty at Philadelphia Mint. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 13th 1878.

We will not consider for the present offers for sale of silver except for delivery at Philad^a Mint. This does not interfere with purchasing lots not exceeding ten thousand ounces.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 13th 1878.

You will please receive one hundred thousand ounces fine silver purchased of J. B. Colgate & Co. - letter by mail.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Saml Weeks.July 13th 1878.

Melter & Refiner,

Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

Your Official Bond as Melter & Refiner of the New Orleans Mint, executed in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and bearing date of the 9th inst. has been approved and filed in the office of the 1st Comptroller.

Enclosed herewith I send you your Commission.

Your salary will commence from the date of your oath of office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly, 13th 1878.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. transmitting yearly statements, I herewith return the same for correction.

The amounts of Gold and Silver deposited and purchased differ from the records of this Office and from your Monthly Statements.

The error may be in part from an incorrect footing of your statements for February and April.

The amount of silver bars manufactured is in excess of the amounts furnished by the monthly statements.

As the yearly statements appear in my Annual Report, it is necessary that they should be in strict accordance with the records of this Office as well as with the Books of your Mint.

I enclose a memorandum of the amounts of silver bars manufactured, as per your monthly statements, in order to facilitate the requisite correction.

Please return this memorandum, noting in which months the errors exist, in order that the records of this Office may be complete.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 18th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing a communication from the Coiner in reference to three appointments which he (the Coiner, desires made.

Considering that we are now running per month at your Mint, in excess of one twelfth of the Annual appropriation for wages of workmen, I deem it best to defer, temporarily acting upon the question submitted to me.

I expect to be at your Mint in about ten days or two weeks, by which time we will probably know whether we can procure reasonable supplies of silver for coinages at the San Francisco Mint and will be in better condition to decide this question than we are at present.

I will add, however, that if you think proper to dispense with such number of employes in some other dept. the pay of whom would correspond with the three persons proposed to be nominated, there would in that case, be no objection to making the appointments.

If the efficiency of the Mint would, in your opinion be promoted by such action, it may be done but not otherwise.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 13th 1878

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. appointing Mr. Lehas. E. Barber, Acting Engraver, during the temporary absence of the Engraver, has been received, and the appointment is hereby approved.

Whilst I have not the least desire to interfere with a matter of this kind, or to question the right to designate Mr. Barber as acting Engraver, I would suggest that in future the propriety of designating Mr. Key to act during the absence of the Engraver, should be considered, he being the regular Assistant to the Engraver, and his term of service exceeds that of the younger Barber.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 13th 1878.

Supt. Mint. Phila.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday appointing Mr. Wm. S. Steel, as Assistant to the Coiner, as acting Coiner during the temporary absence of the Coiner, has been received, and the appointment of Mr. Steel, is hereby approved.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadel^a.

July 13th. 1878.

Sir:

While Mr. Eckfeldt of this office was present at your Annual Settlement, you informed him that a package of ore from Dakota, forwarded by Mr. W. R. Snider, for assay, had not been received.

I enclose herewith Express receipt for the same, upon which you will please endorse a statement of the non-receipt of the package and return it to this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint. Phil^a.

July 13th. 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 12th inst. in which you state that the balance, the use of which was lately discontinued by the Melter & Refiner, has been put in excellent condition and will, in your opinion, answer very well for permanent use at the Denver Mint.

You will please cause the same to be carefully packed and shipped to the Denver Mint per Express.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Lieut. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 13th 1878.

Sir:

I have referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your Medal Fund $\frac{1}{4}$, for the quarter ended June 30, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Messrs. Handy & Cronise
 New York.

July 13th 1878.

Gentlemen:

For the present, will make no further purchases of silver for delivery at the Assay Office in your City, but will continue to purchase for delivery at the Philadelphia Mint.

Our price will be the equivalent of the London rate, at current rate of exchange, on day of purchase.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Chief Auditor
 Treasury Dept.

July 13th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment, the Medal Fund $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Lieut. of the Philadelphia Mint, for the quarter ended June 30th 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Joseph Albrecht, Esq.
Assayer, Mint
New Orleans.

July 13th 1898.

Sir:

Your Official Bond, as Assayer of the Mint at New Orleans, executed in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, and bearing date of the 8th inst. has been approved and filed in the Office of the First Comptroller.

I transmit herewith your Commission.

Your salary will commence from the date of your oath of Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 13th 1898.

Sir:

We have purchased of Ingersoll, J. B. Colgate & Co. 100,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office. You will please receive and make payment for the same in standard silver dollars at the rate of 115 $\frac{4}{10}$ cents per ounce fine.

For the present we will make no more large purchases for delivery at your Office, but will continue to purchase for delivery at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

July 13th 1878.

Gentlemen:

For the present we will make no further purchases of silver, for delivery at the Assay Office in your City, but will continue to purchase for delivery at the Philadelphia Mint. Our prices will be the equivalent of the London rate, at current rate of sterling exchange on day of purchase.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

M. V. Davis
U. S. Mint
Philad^a

July 13th 1878.

There is no need of hurry about the report. In your present physical condition you may take a few days rest.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

July 13th 1878.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter bearing date July 5th inst. enclosing Certificate of Deposit #29, for the sum of one hundred and twenty four $\frac{9}{100}$ ($\frac{1}{100}$ 124 $\frac{9}{100}$) on account of the sale of old material.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.July 15th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir;

On the return today, of the Secretary of the Treasury, I had a conference with him in reference to supplies of silver bullion at your Mint. He adheres firmly to his previous determination not to pay above the equivalent of the London rate for silver bullion.

As intimated in your despatch, we rely upon you to coin, in all this month 500,000. silver dollars from the bullion now on hand; and also as much more, should you be able to procure the bullion.

If we cannot procure a reasonable supply of bullion at your Mint, a material reduction of force will, I suppose have to be made. I have concluded however, to defer, for a time, the consideration of that point, in the hope that your producers and dealers in silver bullion, will soon see the propriety of selling us bullion upon the terms stated.

You are at liberty to make known to all dealers who may consult you upon the subject, the views and determination of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint. San Francisco.July 15th 1878.

Coin up silver on hand into dollars as closely as practicable and also any additional amount of silver which may be purchased in all this month.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Mon. Jas. PollockJuly 15th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you Circular in regard to telegraphing, fixing the rates of Government messages for the current fiscal year. I would say that there is no change in the rates between your City and Washington.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

J. C. Acton, Esq.H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco

Jas. Crawford, Esq.Michael Hale, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sup't. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans.

Herman Silver, Esq.Chas. Rumbly, Esq.

U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Assayer, Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

A. Wolters, Esq.July 15th 1878.

Assayer & Melter
Assay Office, Boise.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$403.73 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879	\$35.43
Wages of Workmen & Incidentals	-	168.50

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

S. C. Acton, Esq.July 15th 1898.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish this office with a statement showing the amount of sweeps sold at your Office during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1898, the assay value per lb., the amount received for the same and the percentage of the assay value realized by the sales.

I desire this statement to exhibit separately the Melter and Refiners and Deposit Melting Sweeps.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Jas. Crawford Esq.H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sup't. Mint,
San Francisco.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.July 15th 1898.

Sup't. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

I have received your letters of the 8th inst. transmitting the following statements viz:

Coiners Monthly Statement.

Melter and Refiners do do

Deposits and Purchases for June.

Gold and Silver of domestic production for June.

Coinage do do.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 15th 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will at the close of business each Saturday forward to this Office a statement showing the amount of standard silver dollars paid for silver bullion purchased and parted from Gold.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Similar letter addressed to

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 15th 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish this Office with a statement showing the amount of precepts sold at your Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1878, the assay value per lb. the amount received for the same and the percentage of the assay value realized by the sale.

I desire this statement to exhibit separately the Melter & Refiners' Coins and Deposit melting precepts.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.
 Lieut. Array Office
 New York.

July 15th 1898.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 13th inst. transmitting classified statements of the business of your Office for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1898. The Statement of "Bars manufactured" differs in amount both in gold and silver from the records of this Office, which are compiled from your monthly statements.

It is probable that the variation is due to some clerical error in the monthly reports. I transmit herewith a memorandum showing the amounts as reported to this Office, which you will please compare with your books, correct, and return to this Office.

It is important that your books, Annual Statements, and our records should be in accordance.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.
 Lieut. U. S. Array Office, N. Y.

July 15th 1898.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary^{of the} Treasury to cause to be advanced you, the sum of five Thousand Dollars in gold coin, payable from the appropriation for "Packing & Refining Bullion."

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.July 15th 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this Office as early as practicable, a statement showing the amount of silver bullion purchased and delivered at your Office from May 23rd to June 30th 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.J. C. Acton, Esq.July 15th 1878.

Supt. Assay Office, N. Y.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	- - 1879	- - \$ 2,800.
Wages of Workmen	- - "	- - 2,000.
Contingent Expenses	- - "	- - 700.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.J. C. Acton, Esq.July 15th 1878.Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing a statement of the Melters, Refiners, Gold & Silver accounts.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.July 15th 1898.

Lieut. U. S. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing statement of the operations of your Office for the quarter ending June 30th 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Michael Mahon, Esq.July 15th 1898.

Lieut. &c.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to blank forms, books and stationery, has been received, and in reply I would state that when your Mint was re-opened some years since, a quantity of blank forms & books was sent by this Office to the Lieut.

I have written to Dr. Bongars, requesting that upon his return he forward to this Office a copy of each blank form sent at that time, in order that we may be enabled to determine what additional forms and books will be required now that your Mint has been granted full privileges of a mint.

For all articles coming under the head of stationery, you will make requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury through this office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.
 Capt. U. S. Mint
 New Orleans.

July 15th. 1848.

Sir:

In consultation with the Secretary, the Treasury this morning, it was determined to proceed as rapidly as possible to place your Mint in condition for the coinage of silver dollars.

But we can do but little or nothing to that end until the Deed for the lot of ground on which the Mint is located, shall have been made by the city authorities, and forwarded to the Treasury Dept.

I will thank you to continue to give this matter your earnest attention until the Deed shall have been made and forwarded.

The Commissions of the Operative Officers having all been issued, you will be ready, on the return of Dr. Bongars, to take into immediate consideration what machinery, implements and apparatus it will be necessary to procure from Philadelphia, and forward your requisitions to me for the same. And should it be necessary to procure the services of any experienced persons from elsewhere than New Orleans, you will make known the wishes of yourself, and of the Operative Officers in that respect.

We should like to get one Press started on silver dollars as early as practicable.

I rely on the zeal and energy of yourself and associate officers to meet our views with as little delay as possible.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.July 15th 1898.

Supt. New Orleans Mint.

Sir:

I return herewith the Bond of Thos. G. Tracy, Chief Clerk of your Mint, forwarded on the 11th inst. the same not being in proper form. I have retained the Affidavits of Surety and the Official Oath, and transmit herewith another form of bond, which you will please instruct Mr. Tracy to execute.

The certificate as to the responsibility of the sureties must be signed by the district judge or attorney of the U. S., or a clerk of a court of record.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.July 15th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir:

By today's mail, I send you a supply of Blank Forms, Affidavits of Sureties, Oath of Office, and Monthly Requisition for Funds.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Michael HahnJuly 15th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans. La.

When will deed probably be made and forwarded.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

H. Lilves, Esq.

July 15th 1878.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver Mint.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. enclosing 40 for \$41.00 balance in your hands of the appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878, has been received, and the enclosure properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director

H. Lilves, Esq.

July 15th 1878.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, duplicate Invoice of one flag, recently shipped to your Mint by Messrs. Horstmann Brothers & Co. of Philadelphia.

The 40 has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director

H. Silver, Esq.July 15th 1878.Assayer in Charge
Denver Mint.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your Ordinary Expense Ac., Abstract & Vouchers
for the month of June, 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.Herrman Silver, Esq.July, 15th 1878.Assayer &c.
Denver.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th inst.
transmitting a statement of the expenditures
from the Contingent Fund of your Mint
for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Gen. Samuel CooperJuly, 15th 1878.

Alexandria, Va.

Can you furnish me with
the address of Nicholas Dawson. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.J. C. Acton, Esq.July 16th 1878.

Capt. &c. New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing a
statement of fine silver purchased on Government account.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

July 16th 1878.

Subt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I invite your attention to the following extract from a letter of Messrs. Handy & Brown, dated yesterday, to this Office, viz: "We could furnish you Mexican Silver Coins in larger amounts than any other House here, if you would permit the results to be made out in standard (900 f.) Bars without charge for refining to 999. This has been done before, and we would fain hope that you will authorize it to be done again." + + +

The above extract would appear to indicate that deposits of Mexican Silver coins are subject to a charge for refining to 999.

I do not understand why Mexican Silver Coins, the standard of which is a little higher in silver than ours, should be refined at all. But there may be satisfactory reasons for this, or it may be in consequence of some regulation existing as to the condition in which silver is to be received from your Office, at the Philad^a Mint.

I will thank you to report fully upon the facts of the case, and your views as to the propriety and practicability of receiving such coins, paying for the silver contained, and imposing no charge for refining and the subsequent transfer of the resulting bars to the Philad^a Mint.

It seems to me a needless waste to separate the copper contained in bars resulting from the melt of Mexican Silver Coin.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindetman, Director.

Messrs. Handy & Brown

24 Nassau St. New York.

July 16th 1878.

Gentlemen

I have your letter of yesterday in which you state that our naming Philad^a as the place of delivery of silver sold us, is a matter of personal inconvenience to you.

In reply I have to state that our object is to avoid one of the two meltings of the silver, viz: one at the New York Assay Office and one at the Philad^a Mint, and both involving an unavoidable loss of bullion.

The place of delivery cannot be altered at present.

With respect to the inquiry raised in the concluding paragraph of your letter, I must defer answering the same until I can confer with the Supt. of the Assay Office, whom I address upon the subject today.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.

Assayer &c. Denver.

July 16th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your several letters bearing date July 11th inst. enclosing respectively Statement of earnings & expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878, and also for the quarter ending June 30th 1878; Abstract of ore assays for quarter ending June 30th 1878, and duplicate Certificate of Deposit for \$165. on account of assay of ore for the six months ending June 30th 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wes. Morgan, Esq.
136 S. 11th St.

Philadelp^a

July 16th. 1898.

Sir,

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday and confirming that of mine of the 5th inst. I am glad to learn that some points about concave coins have been agreed upon by Mr. DuBois and yourself.

I am willing that you shall proceed immediately, with a merely temporary device, and I leave it to you and Mr. DuBois to determine whether we shall make the experiment with the Ten Dollar pieces or with the Five Dollar piece.

As the latter corresponds in value with the principal gold coins in use in each Country of Europe, I rather incline to the opinion that the Five Dollar coin should be selected for our experiment.

Without giving further details and instructions, I leave the matter to your discretion, requesting only, that you will avail yourself fully, of the experienced judgment of Assayer DuBois.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

July 16th. 1898.

State by wire approximate amount of gold ^{and} silver bullion, gold coin, standard silver dollars and fractional silver coin in your bullion fund at close of business thirtieth instant.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

Nicholas Dawson, Esq.

P.O. Box, 305

Alexandria, Va.

July 16th 1848.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans having appointed you, (and this office having confirmed the same), a weigher, at a compensation of \$4. per diem, you will please report at the Philadelphia Mint on the 22nd inst. to familiarize yourself with the weighing of bullion and coin, both in the receiving room of the Superintendent, and in the Coiners Office.

You will upon your arrival at the Philadelphia Mint, exhibit this letter to the Superintendent, Hon. Jas. Pollock, who is hereby requested to afford you every facility for learning the business of weighing bullion and coin.

Until your transfer to the Mint at New Orleans, you will remain at the Philadelphia Mint and conform to the regulations in respect to attendance during business hours.

Your compensation will commence on the day of your reporting at the Philadelphia Mint, and the date of your oath of Office.

A blank form for the oath of Office is herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

July 16th. 1878.

Sir:

Referring to so much of your letter of the 15th inst. as relates to reimbursing your bullion fund with the gold wastage of the operative Officers, and loss on sale of gold pieces during the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1878 amounting to \$8,779.57. You are hereby authorized to purchase, with any money in your hands belonging to the regular appropriations for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, for the fiscal year above named, sufficient gold coin to reimburse your bullion fund for the amount of the loss above mentioned.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Phil^a.July 16th. 1878.

Sir:

Your statement of Silver Profit & Loss &c July 1st 1877 to June 30th. 1878, contains the following entry viz: "Surplus Silver in Weigh Clerks hands, \$141.58."

You will please explain in what manner this surplus arose.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 16th 1898.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelp^a.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your ac^t of expenses incurred in the manufacture of Standard Silver Dollars during the month of June, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 16th 1898.Supt. Mint. Philadelp^a.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this Office a statement showing the amount of Standard Silver Dollars exchanged for gold, and paid for transportation from the date such coinage was commenced in March to June 30, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 16th 1898.Supt. Mint. Philadelp^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing Balance Sheets and Statements of Profit and Loss &c, also Reports of Silver bullion purchased during the year ending June 30th 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

1st Auditor
Treasury Dept.

July 16th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Standard Silver Dollar Expense of the Dept. of the Philadelphia Mint for the month of June, 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

C. Henry Roney, Esq.
715 Sanson St.
Philadelphia.

July 16th 1878.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter bearing date July 15th inst, and in answer send you by today's mail copies of my Report for the years 1875, '76 and 1877.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Joseph Aron
Esq. Lazard Freres
San Francisco

July 16th 1878.

Our limit is the equivalent of the London rate on day of transaction, payment in silver dollars in San Francisco. See Superintendent Dodge for further details.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Hon. John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 17th 1878.

Sir:

It seems proper that I should call your attention to some legislation enacted during the recent session of Congress, which bears upon the operations and business of the Mints and Assay Offices.

On the 8th of June last, an Act as follows was approved viz: That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to constitute "any Superintendent of a Mint or Assayer of an Assay Office, an Assistant Treasurer of the United States without additional compensation, to receive gold coin and bullion on deposit for the purposes provided for in section two hundred and fifty-four of the Revised Statutes."

If you should think proper to constitute, under authority of the above law, the Assayer in charge at Denver, Col., Helena, Mont., Boise, Ida., and Charlotte N.C. or either of them, an Assistant Treasurer, to receive gold coin and bullion on deposit, for the purposes provided in Section 254 of the Revised Statutes, it will be necessary, to increase the bonds of those officers from \$10,000., the present amount, to say \$30,000. and to place at the institution which you may authorize coin and bullion to be received, a bullion fund in the form of coin notes.

Deposits, under the provisions of law referred to, would no doubt, consist chiefly, of crude, or unparted bullion, and which would, from time to time, have to be transferred to the Philadelphia Mint for parting and coinage. This would involve a deduction from the gross value of the bullion, a parting (over,

charge, and the cost of transportation, and the issuing of the coin notes for the net value.

I should add that the coin notes to be issued for gold bullion deposited at any of the Assay Offices above named, should be made redeemable at the Sub-Treasury in New York City; and this for the reason that the proper facilities for the storage and safe-keeping of any considerable amount of the bullion which may be received, do not exist at those Institutions.

As the coin which would result from the bullion received would correspond with the coin notes issued therefor, it would only be necessary to transfer the same from time to time from the bullion fund of the Mint to the Assistant Treasury at New York.

Paragraph 7 page 16 of an Act entitled "an act making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, contains the following provision viz: And for the purpose of enabling the several Mints and Assay Offices of the United States to make returns to depositors with as little delay as possible, the provision of Section thirty-five hundred and forty-five of the Rev. Stat. of the United States shall hereafter apply to the several Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to use, as far as he may deem it proper and expedient, for payment to depositors of bullion at the several Mints and Assay Offices, coin certificates, representing coin in the Treasury, and issue under the provisions of Section two hundred and fifty-four of the Rev. Stat.

"of the United States, all of said acts and duties to be performed under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury."

This provision of law authorizes, if it does not require, a bullion fund to be kept at the several Assay Offices hereinbefore referred to, for the purpose of making payment to depositors in gold coins, instead of returning to them in the form of stamped bars, the identical bullion deposited as provided in the Coinage Act of 1873, and it also authorizes the use of coin notes as a part of the bullion fund.

In carrying this provision of law into effect at any and all of the institutions named, it will be necessary to deduct from the coinage value of the bullion, any charge to which it may be subjected under the law, and also the cost of transportation.

As silver under the law can only be deposited for returns in fine or unparted bars, and not in coin, and as it would be impracticable, as well as of no local advantage whatever, to furnish fine silver bars, no provision need be made for making returns in fine silver bars, nor would it be practicable, or of any advantage to depositors, to provide fine gold bars as a part of the bullion fund.

If this last act is to be carried into effect, it must be held to repeal Section 3558 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as follows: "The business of the United States Mint at Denver, while conducted as an Assay Office, that of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, and that of any other Assay (over)

"Offices hereafter established, shall be confined to the receipt of gold and silver bullion, for melting and assaying, to be returned to depositors of the same, in bars, with the weight and fineness stamped thereon."

In bringing this new legislation to your attention, I have confined myself to a brief statement of the general features and requirements of the same, and hold myself in readiness to furnish any details which you may deem necessary.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 17th 1878.

Sir:

As all payments for silver purchases are now made in standard silver dollars, I have the honor to request that the sum of \$734,399.94 in gold coin, now standing to the credit of the Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, be transferred from the bullion fund of said Mint to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint
New Orleans.

July 17th 1878.

Will have some funds sent you soon as
Deed arrives.

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H. R. Linderman, Director.

H. Silver, Esq.

July 17th 1878.

Assayer in Chg. Mint
Denver.

Sir:

As it is probable that the propriety and expediency of purchasing silver bullion at your Mint, and its subsequent transfer to the Philadelphia Mint for coinage into standard dollars, will soon be considered by the Secretary of the Treasury, I desire some information as to what additional facilities, if any, you would require to meet, assay and compute the value of the amount of silver bullion that would be likely to be supplied, at a price, say, equivalent to that of the London rate, less charges for packing or refining, should the bullion be of a quality to require either or both of those operations, and the actual cost of transportation to Philadelphia or New York.

The silver purchased to be paid for in coin certificates, which certificates will be redeemable in standard silver dollars at the Sub-Treasury at New York, and receivable at par for customs, taxes and all public dues.

I shall be glad to hear from you upon this subject, as early as may be convenient and you are requested to submit such suggestions upon the subject as may to you appear proper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

July 17th 1898.

Sir:

As we now have on hand at the Philadelphia Mint and Assay Office in New York a large amount of silver bullion, it is respectfully recommended that the regulation which authorized the payment of the equivalent of the London rate for lots of silver of ten thousand ounces and less be so far modified as to allow a reduction of one half $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per ounce to be made from and after tomorrow, at the Mint and Assay Office above named.

(Signed, H. R. Lindermann
Jas. Wilfellow)

Approved:

John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

July 17th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. in explanation of the source from whence the surplus bullion returned by the Melter and Refiner in settlement was derived.

This explanation is satisfactory so far as it refers to a recovery of accumulated gains and seigns, but what I desire is a statement showing the gains to the Melter and Refiner's account, accruing from Gold in Silver deposits and Silver in Gold deposits in too small quantity to be reported by the Assayer for the benefit of the depositor, but which is recovered by the Government when parted in mass; and also the gain derived by

parting or refining above 990, - that is, the silver in gold deposits allowed the depositor being calculated on the basis of refining the gold to 990, the difference between 990 and the fineness to which the gold is actually refined accrues to the Melter and Refiner.

This statement may be difficult to render so as to give the amounts thus accounting, strictly accurate, but I desire it to show the respective amounts as nearly as may be practicable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

July 17th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing Certificates of Deposits amounting to \$145.20 for certain old material sold; also copper statement for the quarter ending June 30th 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

July 17th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing statement of Bullion Fund & coins on hand June 30th 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Suplt. MintJuly 17th. 1878.San Francisco.

State by wire amount of standard silver dollars exchanged for gold coins to close of business today.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to
Suplt. Mint

Barren, Nev. (Confirmed).J. C. Acton, Esq.July 17th. 1878.

Subt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

On and after the 18th inst. the rate to be paid for silver purchased at your Office in lots of ten thousand (10,000) ounces and less will be the equivalent of the London rate less one half cent per ounce.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Jas. Pollock, Esq.

Suplt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 17th. 1878.

Suplt. Mint U. S.
Phil^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting statement of pieces sold during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 17th 1878.

Sept. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of \$734,399.94 in gold coin, now standing to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint, to the Treasurer of the U. S.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 17th 1878.Sept. Mint, Phil^a.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in gold coin, payable from the appropriation for "Packing & Refining Bullion."

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Sept. MintJuly 17th 1878.San Francisco.

coin half million in value in quarter eagles and same amount in half eagles and hold subject to the order of the Treasury Department.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

John L. Leitch, Esq.

July 17th 1878.

Oswego,

Oswego Co. New York.

Dear Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has referred your letter to him of 13th inst. to me for reply.

You desire a position for your son in some of the Mints or Assay Offices, and state that he has given especial attention to Metallurgy and the chemistry of ores.

At present there are no vacancies but your application will be placed on file and should any vacancy occur your son's case will be fairly considered, with a desire to oblige you if it be practicable.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co.

July 17th 1878.

36 North Front St.

Philadel^a.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to advise me by return mail of the price per lb. at which you will furnish Ten 101 tons of the best Lehigh Zinc for the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

In dealing with a firm of the high and long established reputation of yours, I confidently rely on you to furnish such articles as we may require at the lowest cash market rates.

H. R. Linderman.

Chief Auditor,
Treasury Dept.

July 17th 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Assayer in charge of the Denver Mint for the month of June 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Mint, Denver.

July 17th 1898.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ s, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ended June 30th 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer $\frac{1}{2}$ s,
Denver.

July 17th 1898.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{2}$ for the month of June 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

July 17th. 1898.New Orleans.

Whenever you can fix the date at which you will be ready to melt and assay Mexican Silver dollars please advise me accordingly by telegraph in order that instructions may be sent and transfer of United States Silver Dollars be made to you to pay for Mexicans purchased.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

July 17th. 1898.New Orleans.

I expect to be absent for some days after the 28th inst. would like to have all essential matters for equipment of your Mint in form and under way before leaving.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

July 17th. 1898.New Orleans.

Have seen E. R. Levy. Think with a month or two's training at Phil^a Mint he would make good computing clerk. If you should desire his services you may appoint him and I will send him to Philad^a Mint temporarily.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 18th 1878.

Sept. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have your letters of the 17th inst. transmitting corrected Statements of deposits and purchases for June - the originals of which are herewith returned, and also transmitting corrected Statements for August, October, November and February to be substituted for those previously sent for those months.

On comparing your statements for the fiscal year with the aggregate of your statements as amended for the several months, there is still a lack of correspondence in the amounts, which points to other errors in your monthly statements that have not yet been discovered.

I enclose herewith a transcript from the records of this Office showing by months the Gold & Silver deposited and purchased, which you will please compare with your books and report where the error occurs in order that our records may be corrected. I also enclose the "Gold of Domestic Production" in which the error referred to probably exists. Your amended Statement for October is herewith returned.

Please transmit a Statement of Gold & Silver of domestic production for August, so that the proper corrections may be made upon the Books of this Office.

I have to request that in future you will cause greater care to be exercised to guard against errors in your monthly statements, which are entered upon the Books of this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint,
 Philadelphia.

July, 18th 1898.

Sir:

The bearer, Mrs. Geo. Kahn, reports to you by my direction. You will please afford her every proper facility for familiarizing herself with the duty of adjusting coin blanks. The lady will be required to conform to the rules and regulations under your direction, and will be instructed to report at the New Orleans Mint at a future day.

I embrace this opportunity to say that altogether we do not expect to trouble your Mint with the instruction of more than five or six persons on the part of the New Orleans Mint, & trust that we may not be asking too much of yourself & others at your Mint in this necessary preparation of expert services.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, Phila.

July, 18th 1898.

Sir:

On the 9th inst. I requested you to send me copies of the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1890, 91 and 1892.

As this office has not yet received a reply to the above request, I will thank you to comply as soon as possible.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Mrs. Leo. Kahn720 N. 12th St.

Washington, D. C.

July 18th 1878.

Madam:

You have been appointed an Adjuster of the Mint at New Orleans, at a compensation of \$7.25 per diem. In order that you may thoroughly prepare yourself for the duties to which you will be assigned, you are requested to report to Hon. Jas. Pollock, Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, on or about 1st prox. who has been instructed to afford you the proper facilities for acquainting and familiarizing yourself with the adjusting of coin blanks.

Your pay will commence from the date of your reporting at the Philad^a Mint, and taking of the usual Oath of Office, the blank form of which will be furnished you by Supt. Pollock.

When the New Orleans Mint shall be ready to commence coinage, you will be instructed to report thereat for duty and your necessary traveling expenses from Philad^a to New Orleans will be paid by the New Orleans Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. W. L. Groesbeck
 Brunswick Hotel
 New York City.

July 18th 1898.

Dear Sir:

I shall have occasion to address you one or two communications, one in the course of a week & another say in two or three weeks, and until furnished with your Paris address will direct my letters care of American Legation, Paris.

In my second communication I shall have the pleasure of sending you some specimens of 5. pieces gold, designed especially to prevent "filling" which are now being prepared.

Splitting gold coins, removing apart of the gold therefrom, & filling the space from which the gold is taken with platinum is the chief way of fraudulently diminishing the value of gold coins, particularly in Europe, with which we have to contend.

In the same letter I hope to be able to furnish you with the promised statistics in relation to the bullion production of the mines of the United States &c.

Very truly yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

P. S.

Should the proceedings of the Monetary Convention be published in any newspaper in Paris, I would be greatly obliged if you will cause a copy of such paper to be sent to me.

H. R. L.

Messrs. Handy & Cronin

July 18th 1898.

47 Nassau St. New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen;

In further reply to your recent letter respecting the sale of Mexican Silver dollars, I have to state that we will consider at any time, an offer from you of any considerable lot of such coin, deliverable at the Philad^a Mint. The silver contained therein to be determined by the Mint Assay and settled for as so much fine silver.

They would not be subject to any charge unless they contained gold in partible quantity, in which case there would be a parting charge, and the seller of the bullion credited with the gold parted.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

July 18th 1898.

Supt. Mint

Carson.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, from the following appropriations viz:

Salaries	- - - 1899	- - - \$2000.-
Wages of Workmen	- - - "	- - - 9000.-
Contingent Expenses	- - - "	- - - 4000.-

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

J. M. Floyd, Esq.
Act'g Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

July 18th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday in reference to the charge for refining Mexican Silver dollars preparatory to transmission to the Mint for coinage.

In view of the facts presented by you, I have decided to take no further action in the matter except to inform Messrs. Hande & Cronise that we will consider offers for the sale of Mexican Silver dollars, and delivery thereof at the Philad^a Mint direct, and to pay for the silver contained as determined by assay; - no charge to be imposed except the coins contain gold in partible quantity, and of course no allowance for copper in either case.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 19th 1898.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. be increased one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco, by telegraph.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 19th 1878.

Sir:

I respectfully suggest that an inspection of the Mint edifice at New Orleans, and the bullion vaults therein, be made under the direction of the Supervising Architect with a view to ascertain the actual condition of the building, and determine what repairs, if any, are necessary, in view of the same being about to be employed for coinage purposes.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadel^a.

July 19th 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared as soon as possible and transmitted to the Mint at San Francisco, the following dies viz: Six (6) Half Eagle Obverse.

" " Quarter " "

Respectfully,

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 19th 1878.

It is reported that your Assayer is in the habit of exhibiting himself about the saloons and streets in a state of intoxication. If this is in any degree true, please recommend some suitable person to succeed the present Assayer whose removal I am constrained to recommend.

H. R. Lindemann. Director.

Hon. Wm. L. Groesbeck

July 19th 1898.

Care of Messrs. Munroe & Co.
Bankers, Paris, France.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. I have to inform you that information has reached us through the Department of State, that the Empire of Japan has made the Japanese "Yen" or Trade Dollar of 420 grains $\frac{9}{10}$ fine, a legal tender throughout the Empire; and has also reduced the charge from manufacturing that coin from one and a half to one cent for each piece.

This is the establishment of a double or bi-metallic standard on a ratio of $16 \frac{2}{10}$ to one; the practical effect of which will be the circulation of silver coin to the exclusion of gold, until the price of silver shall advance and become settled to, say 57½ pence.

The coining rate of silver into Trade Dollars is $114 \frac{2}{10}$ cents per oz. 900 fine, which is equivalent, very nearly, to 58 pence per oz. Brit. Standard 925 fine.

The desire of Japan appears to be not only to use silver as legal tender money, but to compete with the Mexican Dollar in China.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Hon. W. L. Groesbeck

July 19th 1898.

Buckingham Hotel

New York City.

Please send to Brunswick Hotel for letter.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co.

36 W. Front St.

Philadelphia.

July 19th 1898.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to prepare and deliver to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster, U. S. A. ten tons best Schuylkill Zinc for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco.

You will transmit your account in duplicate accompanied by the receipt of Major Dana, to this office for settlement.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Major J. J. Dana,

Quartermaster U. S. A.

Philadelphia.

July 19th 1898.

Sir:

I have this day requested Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co. to deliver to you ten tons Zinc, for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco.

I will thank you to receive and forward the same.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

Michael Hahn

Sup't. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

July 19th 1898.

Has the Deed been sent, and if so, when.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Confirmed.

H. K. Noble, Esq.July, 19th 1898.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your favor of the 10th inst. in relation to the Assayer of the Carson Mint has been received. Should the facts stated by you be substantially confirmed by inquiries which will be instituted, the offending officer will be removed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

M. Le Poer FrenchJuly 19th 1898.

Secrétaire de Légation S. M. Britannique

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In compliance with your request a few days since, I send you by bearer, as complete a set of the Reports as it is possible for me to obtain.

I regret that I am unable to furnish you all that you desired

Truly Yours

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram. H. G. Lott.July, 19th 1898.

San Francisco.

Cannot purchase above equivalent of London rate.

Propriety of reducing the rate for small lots under consideration.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Confirmed.

B. H. Stevens, Esq.
 #4 Trafalgar Square
 London, Eng.

July 19th.

Sir:

Enclosed please find Treasury Draft #4645 for the sum of nineteen ~~50~~⁵⁵ (\$19.55) dollars, in payment of one years subscription for the Economist and Bullionist for this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.
 Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
 Helena, Mont.

July 20th 1898.

Sir:

In your last quarterly report I notice there is a gratifying increase in the deposits made at your Office and particularly in Silver. In my next Annual Report, which will be prepared in October, I desire to give some reliable information in relation to the present rate of annual production of Gold & Silver respectively, from the mines of your Territory.

I should also like some information in relation to the general character of your mines, both gold & silver, and the probable production in future.

As full information upon the subject generally is desired and you are requested to furnish a special report, say by the 1st of October.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Hon. W. L. Hoovebeck

July 30th 1898.

Care of Munroe & Co. Bankers,
Paris, France.

Sir:

I enclose herewith informally three specimens "goloid" dollars - so called, composed of gold silver and copper in the proportion stamped upon the reverse.

The purpose sought by the projector of this coin, is the use of the two metals, gold and silver, in a ratio of one to sixteen in a single coin.

The idea is a very ingenious one, but in my opinion, impracticable, from the fact that the coins do not differ in color from silver coins of the fineness of 90 or more.

When my opinion was requested by the Coinage Committee in relation to this "goloid" coin, I stated frankly that I considered the similarity of color to the existing silver coins as a fatal objection.

The Coinage Committee of the House of Representatives having expressed a desire to have these coins submitted to the approaching International Monetary Convention, it has been thought proper by the Secretary^{of the Treasury} that the U. S. Commissioners should be furnished with the specimens, and they have been prepared and are now forwarded accordingly.

I enclose, also, a report of Mr. Vance from the Committee on coinage, in relation to the "goloid" coin.

Also a communication addressed to me under date of the 16th inst. by W^m Wheeler Hubbell, the projector of the coin.

I do not believe that there are any means known to metallurgists, by which gold

and silver in the proportion contained in these coins can be given a permanent color which would render them readily distinguishable from silver coins.

If this difficulty could be overcome, the measure would be worthy of attentive consideration.

You may remit three dollars in payment for these coins, or return them to me at your option.

I have the honor to be,

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Chambers L. Davis, Esq.

July 20th 1896.

Deadwood.

Dakota, S.

Sir:

I would like to have some authentic information to be used in my Annual Report for the last fiscal year, in reference to the character, present production of precious metals and probable production in the immediate future of the mineral region known as 'the Black Hills.'

I presume you are as well qualified to speak upon this subject as any one from the character of your occupation and general knowledge of Gold and Silver mining.

Any information that you may be able to give me will be appreciated and duly acknowledged. I should have the information requested by the 1st of October in order to make it available.

Very Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. W^m SharonJuly 20th 1898.

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

A part of my next Annual Report will be devoted to as accurate an account of the present rate of production of gold and silver respectively in the different States & Territories as can be procured, and to this end I am compelled to seek information from the different localities of well known mining districts.

As you are interested in the Eureka district Nevada, I have thought it probable that you could without much inconvenience have some local authority to prepare and send me a statement of the character of the mines now producing bullion, the present rate of production, and the probable yield in the future. Any information which may be sent me will be appreciated and properly acknowledged.

Unfortunately I have no funds at my disposal to compensate any one for their trouble in this matter.

Respectfully Yours

H. R. Linderman

Director

I should have the information by Oct. 1st

A. Wolcott, Esq.July 20th 1898.

Assayer ex.

Boice City.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th inst. transmitting quarterly & Annual Statements of Earnings and Expenditures, and report of ore assays.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Lazard, Bros.

July 20th 1898.

265 Pine St. New York.

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of the 19th inst.

Silver bullion in lots of Ten Thousand ounces and less, is purchased by the Assay Office in New York City, at the equivalent of the London rate, less one half cent per ounce.

With this exception, and in order to have but one melt of bullion, we now require all silver to be delivered at the Philad^a. Mint, but as we have on hand at that point as much as can be conveniently stored, we do not care to purchase at the present time.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

July, 20th 1898.

Sup't. Mint, U. S.

Carem. Mex.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this Office as early as practicable, a statement giving the following information, to date.

- 1st Total amount of standard silver dollars paid on Transfer Orders.
- 2^d Total amount of standard silver dollars paid for transportation.
- 3^d Total amount of standard silver dollars paid for silver purchased.
- 4th Total amount of standard silver dollars paid for silver parted from gold.
- 5th Total amount exchanged for gold coin.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint

July 20th 1878.Carson, Nev.

If the price named in your dispatch is the best that you can procure on your Coast for the pieces, you are authorized to accept the same.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

July 20th 1878.Carson, Nev.

One hundred thousand dollars in standard silver dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco by wire today.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

J. C. Nelson, Esq.July 20th 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

We have now at your Office and the Philad^a Mint as large a stock of silver as can be conveniently and safely stored and therefore except as to lots of 10 thousand ounces or less, do not care to purchase even for delivery at the Philadelphia Mint. It might be well for you to give this information to the principal bullion dealers in your City.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

July 20th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of your Office to that of the Mint at Philadel^a of five hundred seventy-seven thousand, seven hundred ninety-four dollars and seventy-four cents \$577,794.74 payable in 481.406.89 ounces pure silver.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

July 20th 1898.

Supt. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a sample of ore which I will thank you to cause to be assayed, and the Assayer's Report thereon, transmitted to this Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

July 20th 1898.

Supt. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing a statement of silver purchased in June ult^o.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer, Mint, U. S.
Denver, Col.

July 25th 1878.

Sir:

In my next Annual Report, which will be prepared in October, I desire to give some reliable information in relation to the present rate of Annual production of Gold and Silver respectively from the mines of your State.

I should also like some information respecting the general character of your mines, both Gold and Silver, and the probable production in future. As full information upon the subject generally is desired, and you are requested to furnish a special report par-
by the 1st of October.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
C. J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer res.
Charlotte, N. C.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in chg.
Boise City.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadel^a.

July 25th 1878.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a split quarter dollar, for which I will thank you to return a perfect piece to this office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 20th 1878.

Sup't. Mint.

Philadel^a.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish this Office with a copy of a letter received by you from Lucius H. Brown, Guilbert, Va. relative to coining bullion, and also a copy of your reply thereto.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 20th 1878.

Sup't. Mint, Phil^a.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to make a transfer of \$577,794.74 from the Bullion Fund of the Army Office at New York to that of your Mint, payable in 481,406.89 g. pure silver.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 20th 1878.

Sup't. Mint.

Philad^a.

Sir:

Leave of absence for thirty days from the 1st prox. has been granted Mrs. M. V. Davis, Special Employee of this Office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.July 26th 1898.

Special Employee

Philadelphia Mint.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. requesting leave of absence for thirty days during the month of August, has been received.

Leave of absence for thirty days from the 1st prox. is hereby granted you. The Supt. of the Philad^a Mint, has been advised of this action.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hamilton Smith, Esq.July 26th 1898.

care H. W. Glenmy, Nevada Bank
San Francisco.

Sir:

If it would not be too much trouble I would like you to give me some account of the present condition of Hydraulic gravel mining in the State of California so, as, for my next Annual Report, to be prepared in all of the month of October next.

Yours very truly

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

M. F. Bonzano,July 26th 1898.

Mint, New Orleans

Your requisition for funds for June appears to have been lost between the Comptroller's and Secretary's Office.

An advance of the same amount will be made the new Superintendent from last year's appropriations to meet the expenses of the Mint for June.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

A. W. Bellows, Esq.140 S. 4th St.rooms 5, Philadel^aJuly 20th 1878.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of 19th inst. It would afford me sincere pleasure to comply with your request, but at present there are no duties to be performed that would justify the employment of Special services.

After a month or two there may be a place for you.

Truly your friend

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. John Sherman

Secretary of the Treasury

July 20th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of the Mint at Philad^a. of five hundred seventy-seven thousand, seven hundred ninety-four dollars and seventy-four cents, (\$577,794.74) payable in 48146.89 ounces pure silver.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate & Co.

47 Wall St.

New York.

July 20th 1878.

Your offer respectfully declined.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Messrs. Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

July 22^d 1878.

47 Wall St. New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I have to inform you that propositions for the sale of silver to the Treasury Department, deliverable at the Philadelphia Mint, at a rate or price not exceeding the equivalent of the London rate computed at the current rate of Sterling exchange on the day of sale, will be considered and promptly acted upon.

In all purchases, settlement for the silver will be made by Draft on New York payable in standard silver dollars.

It is proper for me to state that where silver is delivered at the N. Y. Assay Office, and subsequently transferred to the Philadelphia Mint for coinage, two meltings are necessary, one at New York and one at Philad^a, and it is to avoid one of these meltings that we require deliveries to be made at the Philad^a Mint.

The heat of the weather has been so great as to tax the physical strength and endurance of our assayers and deposit-melters, to the utmost extent, especially at the Philad^a Mint, where the assay of ingots for coinage is very large, and our capacity has been somewhat reduced thereby.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Messrs. Blake Bros. & Co.

54 Wall St. New York.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.

New York City.

Messrs. Lazard Freres.

65 Pine St. New York.

Messrs. Handy & Cronin

Bankers. New York City.

Res. Marsland, Esq.

July 22. 1878

Com. Arrangements

American Bankers Ass?

247 Broadway N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., extending an invitation to me to attend the "Bankers Convention" at Saratoga.

The circular referred to as being enclosed has not been received.

I regret to say that my engagements are such that I cannot be present on the occasion referred to.

Thanking you for the honor conferred by the invitation, and regretting my inability to accept the same.

I am very truly yours

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Mr. E. R. Levy

July 22. 1878.

619 19th St. City.

Sir:

The Supt. of the Mint at New Orleans having appointed you an employe of that Institution, at a compensation of \$3.⁰⁰ per day, and the same having been approved by me, you will please report on the first prop.^o to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia to familiarize yourself with the computation of the value of bullion.

If you will call at this office a note of introduction to the Supt. at Philad.^a will be handed you.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Chas. L. Case, Esq.

Post Master

Kansas City, Mo.

July 22^d 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing newspaper clips relative to the value of the Mexican Silver dollar, and requesting information as to the correctness of the statements.

The St. Louis Times states that the value of the Mexican dollar was fixed by the Government Jan. 1st 1848, at 99.8 cents, and is received by the Government at that rate.

The Mexican dollar is not receivable by the Government. Section 3584 Revised Statutes declares that "no foreign gold or silver coins shall be a legal tender in payment of debts." Treasury Circular No. 1, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, fixes the value of the Mexican silver dollar at 99.8 cents as compared with the U. S. Trade Dollar.

The valuations given in this Circular have no reference whatever to the value of the coins for circulation, but are for the purpose of changing into our money terms, for Customs purposes, invoices of foreign merchandise, that may be made out in their respective currencies.

Mexican dollars having no legal tender in the United States have therefore only a value as bullion, which fluctuates with the prices of silver bullion. At current rate, the bullion or intrinsic value of the Mexican dollar, if of full weight and fineness is about 91 cents gold per piece.

The full legal weight is 417.790586 grains and the fineness 902.777.

It is the legal tender qualification of the standard silver dollar of $412\frac{1}{2}$ grains, 900 fine, that gives it for circulation its full nominal value, otherwise it would have merely a bullion value, which at current rate of silver bullion, would be 89.43 cents gold.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

T. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Treasury Office
New York.

July 23rd 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst enclosing statement of the operations of your Office for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878, has been received.

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

T. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Treasury Office, N. Y.

July 23rd 1878.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has this day been requested to cause the transfer of seven hundred and fifty-one thousand eight hundred and seventeen $\frac{75}{100}$ (751817.95) dollars from the Bullion Fund of your Office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, the same to be paid for in 681760.27 ounces fine silver.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Michael Hahn Esq.
 Capt. U. S. Mint
 New Orleans.

July 22^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have requested that an advance of
*909.⁵⁵ be made you from the following
 appropriations made for the support of your
 Mint for the fiscal year ended on the 30th ult.:

Salaries - - -	1878	*370. ⁸⁰
Wages of Workmen - - -	"	238. ⁷⁵
Contingent Expenses - - -	"	300.

This advance is to enable you to pay
 the expenses of the Mint for the month of
 June, the requisition made by Dr. Bongans for
 that month, and which I approved, having
 been lost or mislaid after leaving this Office.

Upon receipt of the draft for the
 amount named, you will please pay the
 officers and workmen the amount due them
 for services in June, and all bills for
 supplies furnished prior to the 1st inst.,
 after the same shall have been approved by
 the late Assayer in charge.

Respectfully

W. R. Lindermann
 Director

O. J. Hollister Esq.
 Salt Lake City.

July 22^d. 1878.

Dear Sir:

In my next Annual Report I desire
 to give such facts in relation to the
 domestic production of the precious metals,
 as I may be able to obtain from reliable
 sources.

From your knowledge and experience
 in mining matters, I am led to believe that

you can furnish me with much valuable and useful information, and I shall be indebted if you will give me such facts as may be able to, relative to the production of the mines of both Gold and Silver in your Territory, the average rate of Annual production, general character of the mines, probable production in the immediate future and such other information regarding the subject, as may occur to you.

This information is desired by the 1st of Oct.

I regret that I have no available fund from which I could compensate any one for the labor and trouble involved in preparing the required data, but your letter will receive due and proper acknowledgment.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. B. Holgate & Co.
47 Wall St. New York.

July 22^d. 1878.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 20th inst. in reference to the declining of your offer to sell 50,000 ounces of silver at $115\frac{85}{100}$ cents per oz. being the equivalent of 52 $\frac{7}{16}$ pence and 4.86 $\frac{1}{2}$ its exchange.

Our reason for declining your offer was that we had no cable advice of an advance to 52 $\frac{7}{16}$ pence, and had to base our action upon the latest quotation received by us, which was Friday, 52 $\frac{1}{16}$ pence.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.Assayer in chg. Assay Office
Boise City.July 22nd 1878.

Sir:

Your statement of deposits and purchases for the last fiscal year, transmitted by your letter of the 11th inst, shows the total amount received to have been \$62,433.89, and your statement of bars manufactured shows a total of \$62,588.54, an excess of \$154.65 over the amount deposited.

The books of this Office and your monthly statements show the amount of deposits to have been \$62,413.05, and bars manufactured \$62,330.94.

I enclose herewith a memorandum showing the amounts for the several months, which you will please compare with your books, and indicate where the errors in your monthly statements existed, and return as early as possible in order that the books of this Office may be corrected, and the tables compiled for my forthcoming Annual Report.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. John Sherman

Secretary, U. S. Treasury.

July 22nd 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of Michael Hahn, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans for the sum of \$99.⁵⁵ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of that institution for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878, viz:

Salaries	- - -	1878	\$ 370.80
Wages of Workmen	- - -	"	238.75
Contingent Expenses	- - -	"	300.-

This advance is to take the place of the requisition for the same amount made by M. J. Bongars, late Assayer in charge, and which I approved and forwarded to you on the 17th ult., which requisition seems to have been lost somewhere between the Office of the 1st Comptroller and the Warrant Division of your Office.

I respectfully request that this requisition be made Special.

Very Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jno. Sherman

July 22^d. 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of Chas. Rumley, Assayer in Charge of the Helena Assay Office, for the sum of \$1,287.36, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of that institution for the current fiscal year:

Salaries	- - -	1879	\$457.36
Wages of Workmen	- - -	"	330.
Contingent Expenses	- - -	"	500.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 22^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in favor of Michael Hahn, Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans, for the sum of \$2,700., payable from the following appropriations made for the support of that Mint for the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	-	1879	\$1200.
Wages of Workmen	-	"	1000.
Contingent Expenses	-	"	500.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 22^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of seven hundred and fifty-one thousand eight hundred and seventeen ⁹⁵/₁₀₀ dollars, payable in 631.760.27 ounces fine silver.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Handy of Bronize
24 Nassau St. New York.

July 22^d. 1878

Your last dispatch received too late to be acted upon today.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.

July 22^d. 1878.

Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Helena.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,289.³⁶ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution for the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	-	-	1849	\$459.36
Wages of Workmen	-	-	"	330. -
Contingent Expenses	-	-	"	500. -

I deducted the compensation of the Clerk provided for in the new appropriation Oct from the amount requested for Wages of Workmen, and added his salary for 24 days in July to the amount requested for Salaries.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.

July 22^d. 1878.

Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Helena.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to erect a new furnace of sufficient capacity to carry crucible No. 100, and pay, for the same from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Office for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Helena.July 22^d 1898.

Sir:

The re-instatement of the workmen mentioned in your communication of the 8th inst., is hereby approved at the rates of compensation submitted.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.Assayer in
Helena.July 22^d 1898.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail a supply of forms of requisition for funds.

Whenever you are in need of forms or blanks of any kind please make requisition on this office for the same, enclosing sample, and your wants will be supplied.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.Assayer in
Helena.July 22^d 1898.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts, Abstracts & Vouchers, for the quarter ended June 30, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.

July 22^d 1878.

Attorney at
Helena.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$184.⁹³ on % of charges on deposits has been received.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 22^d 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

We have this day purchased fine silver for delivery at your Mint as follows, viz:

Of Messrs. <u>Handy & Brown</u>	150,000.00.
" " <u>J. & W. Seligman & Co.</u>	100,000. "
" " <u>J. B. Bolgate & Co.</u>	50,000. "

You will please receive and make payment for the same at the rate of $115\frac{75}{100}$ cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars by draft on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

You are authorized to pay approximate value on delivery to such extent as you deem safe.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philad^a.

July 22^d. 1878.

Sir:

This will introduce to you Mr. E. R. Levy
 an employe in the Mint at New Orleans.

I will thank you to afford him every
 proper facility for familiarizing himself with
 bullion computations.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philad^a.

July 22^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the
 Treasury to cause the transfer of seven hundred
 and fifty-one thousand, eight hundred and seventy
⁹⁵/₁₀₀ (\$51,817.95) dollars from the Bullion Fund of the
 Assay Office at New York, to that of your Mint, - the
 same to be made payable in 631,760.27 ounces
 fine silver.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Hendy & Cronise
 24 Nassau St. New York.
 Your offer accepted.

July 23^d. 1878.

H. R. Linderman

Director

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to
J. & W. Seligman & Co.
 New York.

(Confirmed.)

Michael Hahn, Esq.July 22^d. 1878.

Supt. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have requested that an advance of \$2700. be made you to meet the expenses of your Mint for the current month, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint for the present year, viz:

Salaries	-	-	1879	-	\$1200.
Wages of Workmen	-	"	-	-	1000.
Contingent Expenses	-	-	"	-	500.

A draft for the amount will probably reach you this week.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Meers, J. B. Colgate & Co.July 22^d. 1878.

New York City.

We will take the silver offered by you on Saturday at one hundred fifteen and three quarter cents per ounce fines. Offer good for today only, delivery to be made at Philadelphia.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

L. J. Corlies, Esq.July 22^d. 1878.Assayer in chg. Assay Office
Charlotte.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion \$s for the quarter ended June 30th. 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. G. Kellogg, Esq.

Pres't Pacific Refining &
Bullion Exchange,

San Francisco, Cal.

July 23^d 1878.

Sir:

In further reply to your telegram of the 28th of June last, I have to inform you that the law as it now stands in relation to the refining of bullion requires, first,

That Refining and Parting of Bullion shall be carried on at the Mints of the United States and at the Assay Office at New York.

Second. That the expenses thereof shall be defrayed in full, from the charges collected from depositors for those operations.

Third. When the bullion received shall not in the aggregate, be in such proportions of gold and silver as to admit of economical parting, or the necessary supplies of acids cannot be procured at reasonable rates, unparted bullion may be exchanged for fine bars, as provided in Sect. 3546 of the Revised Statutes of the U. S.

From this statement you will perceive, that there is no authority for the exchange of unparted bullion for fine bullion unless one or both of the conditions rendering such exchange permissible, should arise at any Mint, or at the Assay Office in New York.

Although I have had no report upon the subject from the Supt. of the San Francisco Mint, I infer from his bullion statements that he has been receiving silver bullion containing gold in partible quantity sufficient, when added to the gold deposits, to give a grade of bullion well adapted for economical

parting.

The Supt. of the Mint at San Francisco will be instructed, in case either of the conditions above referred to, should arise at any time in the future, to promptly report the fact to this Office in order that proper instructions in relation to the exchange of bullion contemplated by the law under such circumstances, may be given.

It appears to be proper for me to add that the condition of the two Mints on the Western coast in respect to the supply of bullion, is not such as might be desirable.

At the Carson Mint, located in the principal bullion producing section of the Union, and within fourteen miles of its chief mines, the bullion supplied is not sufficient, at the present time, to keep an effective organization employed, whilst at San Francisco, we are unable to procure silver bullion sufficient for the coinage of any considerable quantity of silver dollars.

The difficulty in the first case, arises from the fact that the producing mines of Nevada are owned or controlled in San Francisco, and the bullion goes direct from the mines to the owners.

In San Francisco the difficulty is due to the fact that the Secretary is unable to procure any considerable quantity of silver bullion at the equivalent of the London rate, and which is as high a price as that office considers he would be justified in paying under the law.

The difficulties referred to, lead to much embarrassment, and should they continue, will necessarily lead to a large reduction

of the skilled force now employed at the two mints. This would, in my opinion, be detrimental to the public interest, especially in view of the near approach of the time fixed by law, for the redemption of U. S. notes in coin, and the large coinage of both gold and silver which the Country will require.

I am not without hope that your bullion producers and bullion dealers will see it to their advantage to furnish the requisite supplies of bullion.

In view of the large decline in the production of silver bullion containing gold in partible quantities, it would seem probable that the interests of your bullion producers would be promoted by concentrating all the partible bullion in one Refinery; and this for the reason that such concentration would probably enable both gold and silver to be parted at less rates than now charged, and which depositors have to pay. But unless the conditions which I have referred to shall arise, it cannot be done without further legislation.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry S. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

July 23rd 1898.

Sir:

The law requires your Mint to refine and part the bullion which may be received, and the payment of the expenses thereof in full, including labor, materials and wastage, from the charges deducted from deposit for those

operations; but provides that when the bullion received shall not, in the aggregate, be in such proportion of gold and silver as to admit of economical parting, or the necessary supplies of acids cannot be procured at reasonable rates, unparted bullion may be exchanged for fine bars as provided in Section 3546 of the Revised Statutes of the U. S.

The various statements received from your office, appear to show conclusively, that neither of the conditions referred to, which render permissible the exchange of unrefined for refined bullion, have existed at your Mint. Should one or both of these conditions arise in the future, you will please report the fact to this office in order that proper action under the law may be taken and the necessary instructions issued.

It is proper to add, for your information that the Pacific Refining and Bullion Exchange of your City, have recently applied for permission to exchange refined for unrefined bullion at your Mint, and that a reply has this day been made, that the law does not authorize such exchanges unless one or both of the conditions above named should arise.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

Telegram.

Handy & Cronise

24 Nassau St. New York.

We cannot take fifty thousand on yesterday's quotation.

Confirmed.

July 23rd 1898.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Lucius H. Brown, Esq.
Cuthbert, Ga.

July 23^d 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. addressed to the Treasury Dept. inquiring how long the suspension of purchases of silver at the Mint will continue, has been referred to this Office.

The Mint discontinued purchasing silver pending the Annual Settlement of the accounts of the Operating Officers, at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30.

Purchasing was resumed on the 13th inst. and by sending your silver to the Mint it will be purchased at the equivalent of the London rate for silver bullion less $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per fine ounce, on the day of purchase, and payment be made in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. Clarence Simmons, Esq.
Banker,
Sparta, Ga.

July 23^d 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. addressed to the "Manager U. S. Mint" at Philadelphia, requesting to be informed if you can have Mexican dollars coined into standard silver dollars, and also relative to the legal tender of the Mexican coins, has been referred to this Office.

Standard silver dollars are not coined for private parties, but only on Government account from silver purchased for that purpose.

Section 3584 Revised Statutes U. S.

declares that "No foreign gold or silver coins shall be a legal tender in payment of debts."

The Mexican dollar therefore, having no legal tender in the United States, possesses simply a value as bullion, and as such is worth, at current quotations for silver bullion, about 91 cents gold per piece.

It is the legal tender quality of the standard silver dollar that keeps its value for circulation up to the nominal, or face value.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

July 23^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing a statement of silver purchased during the week ending July 13th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint. San Francisco.

July 23^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th inst. transmitting Coiners' Gold & Silver Workings for June, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

July 23^d. 1898.San Francisco.

State by wire Silver dollar coinage
approximately this month.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director

Similar telegram sent to

Supt. Mint

Barren, Nev. (Confirmed.)H. L. Dodge, Esq.July 23^d. 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense A/c's, for the month of June, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

H. C. Acton, Esq.July 23^d. 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22^d inst., transmitting a Statement of Seveeps sold during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. Army Office
New York.

July 28th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22nd inst. transmitting a statement of silver purchases for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Telegram. Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau St. New York.

July 23rd 1878.

Silver must be delivered at Philadelphia Mint. Superintendent instructed to pay approximate value.

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram. Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau St. New York.

July 23rd 1878.

Cannot act until we receive our quotation from London today.

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

First Auditor
Treasury Dept.

July 23rd 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts for the month of June, 1878.

Respectfully
H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. Mint

July, 23^d. 1878.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22^d. inst. transmitting a perfect quarter dollar in place of a split piece sent you.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sup't. U. S. Mint

July 24th. 1878.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have sent to you by today's mails a supply of Blank Statements designed for weekly Reports to be made to this Office of the movements of Standard Silver dollars.

In order that the record may be complete, your first report should include all transactions up to the time of making such report. I have had these statements printed in copying ink, so that your office can retain a complete record if you so desire.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Similar letter addressed to

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Carson Nev.

W. Silver, Esq.July 24th 1878.

Attorney U. S. Mint

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have received from the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia a Certificate of deposit in your name for \$484.05 coin "on 1/2 of balance on deductions on bullion deposits for 2^d quarter 1878, and Sweeps accruing in fiscal year ending June 30th 1878."

I will thank you to inform this Office what amount of the above was on account of "deductions on deposits", and on account of Sweeps respectively.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

 Jas. Crawford, Esq.July 24th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing statements of "Silver purchased and paid for in gold coin," of "Silver purchased and paid for in standard silver dollars" and silver parted from gold and paid for in gold coin and silver dollars" during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 24th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$184.05 in the name of Herman Silver, Assayer in charge U. S. Mint Denver, Col. has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

1st Auditor
Treasury Dept.

July 24th 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Assayer in charge of the Boise Assay Office for the month of June, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Boise.

July 24th 1898.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense $\frac{1}{4}$, for the month of June, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

L. J. Bowles, Esq.

Assayer ex.

Charlotte, N. C.

July 24th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23rd inst, enclosing a statement in detail of the expenditures of your office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. MintJuly 24th. 1898.New Orleans.

Deed received and we may now proceed to put your Mint in order for coinage. When may I expect your requisitions for articles to be procured North. Send also estimates for repairs and articles to be procured in New Orleans in order that same may be authorized and funds advanced.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Nevada BankJuly 24th. 1898.

San Francisco.

We will purchase five hundred thousand ounces fine silver at one hundred fifteen and one half cents per ounce, payable in standard silver dollars, deliverable at San Francisco Mint, and same quantity at same price deliverable at Carson Mint, payable in silver dollars in your City, and Carson Mint to pay actual expense of transportation.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Lazard Freres,
San Francisco.July 24th. 1898.

Have referred your dispatch to the
Treasurer of the United States who will
answer in day or two.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Messrs. Handy & Cronise
Bankers, New York. N.Y.June 24th. 1898.

We can only consider a new propo-
sition from you based on current quotations.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Mrs. S. Baines Esq.July 24th. 1898.

Legion Bank of Louisiana
New Orleans. La.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter bearing date
July 20th inst., and in answer take pleasure
in sending to you by today's mail, copies of
my Report for the years 1893, 95, 96 & 97. The
edition for 1894, has long since been exhausted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.July 24th. 1898.

Lieut. Mint

San Francisco

Sir:

Your action in regard to the sale of the 40
Bbls. Sweeps as reported in your letter dated
July 16th inst., is hereby approved.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

July 24th. 1898.

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I am advised by the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia of the shipment to your Mint on the 23rd inst. of six obverse half eagle & six obverse quarter eagle dies.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

July 24th. 1898.

Supt. Mint. San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for \$217.00 on account of sale of old materials, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint

July 24th. 1898.

San Francisco.

You may purchase the six hundred thousand ounces provided parties will sell at one hundred fifteen and one half cents per ounce fine, payable in silver dollars. Seller pays packing charge. This is the full equivalent of the London rate with New York Sterling Exchange at 48⁶ good for day only. Have made direct offer to Nevada Bank.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Messrs. Handy & Cronin

24 Nassau St.

New York, N. Y.

July 25th 1898.

Gentlemen:

On the day of our last purchase of your firm, the Supt. at Philadelphia was authorized to pay such approximate value as he might deem safe.

Whilst I have not heard from the Supt. on the subject, I supposed that he preferred waiting for the entire delivery to be made before making an approximate payment.

The Supt. will be communicated with upon the subject.

Respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

L. J. Cowles, Esq.

Assayer in Chg. Assay Office

Charlotte, N. C.

July 25th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23rd inst. transmitting a statement of stores on hand at the close of the fiscal year. I have to request that you will furnish this Office with the Annual Statement called for by "Instructions & Regulations," at your early convenience.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Messrs. Blake, Bros. & Co.

July 25th 1878.

54 Wall St. New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen;

Your communication of yesterday, in which you offer 200,000 ozs. of silver, to arrive from England in about fifteen days, and deliverable at the Phila. Mint at the price of \$1.17 per oz. payable in U. S. Silver Certificates, has been received.

Our purchasing rate is the equivalent of the London price, computed on the basis of Sterling exchange, on the day of sale.

The equivalency at present, being about 115½ cents per oz. fine, your offer is respectfully declined.

Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman

July 25th 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada, be increased six hundred thousand \$600,000, dollars, by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Supt. of said Mint, with the Assistant Treasurers of the U. S. at San Francisco, by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Hon. John ShermanJuly 25th 1878.

U. S. Hotel

Atlantic City, N. J.

We purchased yesterday one million ounces silver from Nevada Bank at equivalent of London rate which places our coinage operations for next month in satisfactory condition.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. Silver, Esq.July 25th 1878.

Assayer &c.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

By today's mail I send you "certificates of Gold Deposit" and the "Assayer's Report of Gold Bullion Deposited", the same being a portion of your requisition for stationery recently made.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

L. O. Gratacap, Esq.July 25th 1878.

American Museum of Nat. Hist.

Central Park, 77th St. & 8th Ave.

New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst. requesting copies of "Mr. Raymond's Reports for the years 1875 & 1876", and have this day referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Sup't. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

July 25th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting Statements of Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint, for the quarter, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898; Also, Statement of the movements of the Standard Silver dollar in June 1898.

Very respectfully

H. K. Linderman
 Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Sup't. U. S.
 San Francisco.

July 25th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing a Statement of the goods received and issued during the six months ending June 30th. 1898, together with a statement showing the goods remaining on hand June 30th. 1898.

Very respectfully

H. K. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram. Sup't. Mint
San Francisco.

July 25th. 1898.

In case of purchase from Anglo Bank and Bank California will you have silver dollars sufficient to pay them and Nevada Bank anewer.

H. K. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

July 25th 1898.San Francisco.

Coin all the silver dollars you can
this month.

H. R. Linderman

Director

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to

Supt. Mint

Carson, Nev. (Confirmed.)

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

July 25th 1898.San Francisco.

Receive from Nevada Bank Five
Hundred Thousand ounces fine silver at
rate of one hundred fifteen and one half
cents per ounce and pay for same in
silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Director

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

July 25th 1898.Carson, Nev.

Receive from Nevada Bank Five
Hundred Thousand ounces fine silver at rate
of one hundred fifteen and one half cents per
ounce and pay for same in silver dollars
at San Francisco. You will pay expenses transportation.

H. R. Linderman

Director

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

July 25th 1898.Carson, Nev.

Five hundred thousand Standard silver
dollars will be placed to your official credit with
Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco today.

H. R. Linderman

Director

Confirmed.

Gas. Pollock, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 26th 1898.

Sir:

I have this day ordered to be sent you by Messrs. Arthur & Bonnell of N.Y. one copy of Lloyd's Tables of the London price of silver bullion.

The cost of the book (\$5), will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

I think you will find the book of great service to you as it gives the equivalent of the London rate, ranging (Sterling Exchange), from \$4.80 ± to \$4.91 ±.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Similar letter addressed to

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Gas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint
Barson, Nev.

Lehas. Rumley, Esq.
Assayer ex.
Helena, Mont.

Michael Hahn, Esq.
Supt. Mint
New Orleans.

Herman Silver, Esq.
Assayer ex. Denver Mint
Denver. Col.

Telegram. Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

July 26th 1898.

You will coin as many silver dollars as you can during August without working over-time. There is no hurry about the small gold coin ordered to be coined.

H. R. Linderman
 Director Mining.

Confirmed.

H. L. Dodge Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco

July 26th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of 18th inst. transmitting Certificate of deposit for \$ 175.90 on account of sale of gold material, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

July 26th 1898.

You are authorized to exchange gold coin with Assistant Treasurer for silver dollars sufficient to complete payment for silver bullion purchased.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

July 26th 1898.

The purchasing price of silver in lots of ten thousand ounces and less will on and after first proximo, be the equivalent of the London rate on day of purchase, less one half cent per ounce fine payable in silver dollars. Give public notice.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Supt. Mint

Carson, Nev. (Confirmed)

Telegram.

Supt. Mint, Carson, Nev.

July 26th 1898.

You will coin as many silver dollars as you can during August with your present force and without working over time.

Confirmed.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Sup't. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 26th 1898.

Sir:

I have to request that you will transmit as early as may be practicable your Annual Statements of "Purchases and Deposits," "Gold and Silver of Domestic Production," and "Bars Manufactured."

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Messrs. Arthur & Bonnell
#57 Liberty St.
New York.

July 26th 1898.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to forward by mail one copy of Lloyd's Tables of the London price of Silver Bullion &c, to the following persons, viz:

<u>H. L. Dodge,</u>	Sup't.	Mint U. S. at San Francisco.
<u>James Crawford,</u>	"	" " " Carson, Nev.
<u>James Pollock</u>	"	" " " Philadelphia, Pa.
<u>Michael Hahn</u>	"	" " " New Orleans, La.
<u>Herman Silver</u>	Assayer U. S. Mint,	" " " Denver, Col.
<u>Chas. Rumley</u>	"	" " " Assay Office Helena, Mon.

You will please render and transmit your account in duplicate - to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 26th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The change in our situation in reference to silver supplies on the Pacific Coast, renders it practicable to relieve your Mint somewhat from the severe demands made upon it during the last few months. In view of which and of the fact that the force at present employed, is somewhat in excess of the available appropriations, you will please consider the recent resignations reported to this Office as a reduction of force, and not fill the places by new appointments.

It is probable that I shall make you an official visit in the early part of the coming week, when I shall have the pleasure of conferring with you upon various official matters connected with the service.

I will be glad if you will keep my expected visit private, as I wish to avoid being annoyed with applications for appointments.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockJuly 26th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

We have procured within the last day or two, a supply of silver sufficient to run the San Francisco & Carson Mints, all next month, and as we desire to relieve your working force as much as possible during the hot months, over time will be discontinued on

and after the 31st inst.

We desire, however, that you will coin all the silver dollars you can during the balance of the month.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 26th 1878.

Supt. Mint, Phil^a

Sir:

I will thank you to have vouchers made out for Nicholas Dawson, Weigher in the Mint at New Orleans, at the rate of \$4.⁰⁰ per diem, from & including the 23rd inst.; and R. B. Harrison, Assistant in the Assayer's Dept. of the same Mint, at \$4.⁰⁰ per diem, from the 8th inst. (inclusive), - have them receipted by the persons named who are on duty at your Mint, and forwarded to this Office for settlement from the appropriation for workmen at the Mint at New Orleans.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

July 26th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Phil^a.

Sir:

I have to request that you will transmit to this office Blank Forms of Assayer's Reports for Gold & Silver, such as are in use at your Mint.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Lept. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 26th 1878.

Sir:

Mr. Geo. G. Conners having been appointed to the position of Assayer's Clerk in the New Orleans Mint, I have instructed him to report to you for assignment to duty, at your Mint to familiarize himself with the duties of his position.

I will thank you to place him in a position where he can learn to make the calculations of value of deposits and amount of charges to be deducted from the reports of the Assayer.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.
 Lept. &c.
 New Orleans, La.

July 26th 1878.

Sir:

I have sent you by mail today the following blank forms, viz:

Statement of Gold & Silver of Domestic Production,

" " Deposits & Purchases of Gold & Silver Bullion,

Account Current.

Officers & Clerks, Pay-rolls.

Abstract of Disbursements.

The Vouchers for which you made requisition will not be needed at your Mint.

Respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Alfred A. Marcus, Esq.
127 Dartmouth St.
Boston.

July 26th 1898.

Sir:

Your postal card without date, addressed to the Treasurer U. S. requesting to be informed of the rate of discount on the purchase of silver dollars, has been referred to this Office.

There is no discount on the standard silver dollar, it being a full legal tender in the payment of debts both public and private, and received at all Government Offices in payment of dues.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. E. Bongans, Esq.
Late, Assayer in Chg. Mint
New Orleans.

July 26th 1898.

Sir:

I have to request that you will transmit as early as may be convenient, "Statements of Deposits & Purchases" "Gold & Silver of Domestic Production" and "Bars manufactured", during the last fiscal year.

The Statements are desired in the preparation of the Statistical tables for my next Annual Report.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Geo. E. Bonners Esq.

Zanesville,

Ohio.

July 26th 1898.

Sir:

Having been nominated by the Assayer and appointed by the Supt. to the position of Clerk in the Assayer's Dept. of the New Orleans Mint at a compensation of \$2.55 per diem, I have approved your appointment, and you are hereby instructed to report to the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia who will assign you to duty to enable you to familiarize yourself with the duties of the position which you are to occupy in the New Orleans Mint.

Your compensation at the rate named will commence from the date that you qualify by subscribing to an Official Oath and entering upon your duties at the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. J. Bowles Esq.

Assayer in Chg. Assay Office

Charlotte, N. C.

July 26th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th inst. transmitting detailed statements of Deposits and Purchases, Gold and Silver of Domestic Production, and Bars Manufactured from the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

S. C. Acton, Esq.July 26th. 1878.Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary & Refinery Expense Vcs, for the month of June, 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.C. J. Cowles, Esq.July 26th. 1878.

Assayer ex.

Charlotte. N.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letters bearing date July 24th inst. enclosing respectively "Receipt 9C" & "Ore Assay & Miscellaneous Earnings" ex., all for the quarter ending June 30, 1878.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Telegram.

Nevada BankJuly 26th. 1878.

San Francisco.

Instructions were sent by telegraph yesterday to the Baron of San Francisco Mint to receive the silver purchased from you and make payment for same in accordance with our agreement.

H. R. Lindemann
Director.

Confirmed.

H. Silver, Esq.Assayer in chg. Mint
Denver.July 27th 1878.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia of the shipment to your Mint by Express, on the 26th inst. of a large bullion weighing balance.

This balance was used for a long time with much satisfaction by the Melters & Refiners in preparing ingot melts, but has been replaced by a balance of greater capacity.

It has been placed in excellent working order and accurate adjustment, and I am confident that its use will be very satisfactory to you. Express receipt enclosed.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Maj. J. J. Dana,

Quartermaster U. S. A.

Philadelphia.

July 27th 1878.

Sir:

The Supt. of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, has been directed to deliver to you a lot of linen bags, (properly taled) for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

I will thank you to receive and forward the same in the usual manner.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Lucius H. Brown, Esq.
Cuthbert, Ga.

July 27th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your postal card of the 23rd inst. relative to having an article of gold coined.

From your letter of the 10th inst. I inferred that you desired to sell silver to the Government and advised you in relation thereto by letter of this Office of the 23rd inst.

If you forward your gold to the Dept. of the Mint, it will be melted and assayed and the value returned to you in gold coin.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Res. M. Stovall, Esq.
Rienzi, Miss.

July 27th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. addressed to the Treasurer of the U. S. requesting to be informed where and how you can obtain Mexican dollars at 90 cents each, has been referred to this Office.

Mexican dollars are not legal tenders in the United States in payment of debts, and are not received at Government Offices. I am unable to tell you where or how you can obtain them for 90 cents each. Ten cents fractional currency enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co.July 27th 1898.

36 N. Front, St.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

I have received yours of the 26th inst. enclosing bills in duplicate for 10 tons Schuylkill Zinc recently shipped to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal.

Your account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Blake Bros. & Co.July 27th 1898.

54 Wall St. N. Y.

Sirs:

Your letter of the 26th inst. received, relative to offers for the sale of silver bullion.

Offers will be received by telegraph at all times and answers also wired, the same to be confirmed by letter.

I enclose herewith Treasury Circular relative to the purchase of silver bullion.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Telegram. Blake Bros. & Co.July 27th 1898.

54 Wall St. New York.

Yes.

R. E. Preston

Actg Director Mint.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia

July 27th 1878.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 25th inst in relation to the lot of linen bags marked "U. S. Mint San Francisco", I have to direct that you take the same, and deliver them to Maj. J. J. Dana, Quartermaster U. S. A. for shipment to the San Francisco Mint, who has been instructed to receive and forward the same.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia.

July 27th 1878.

Thirty six pair standard dollar dies sent by you to San Francisco on the twenty eighth ult. not yet received. Investigate immediately and report by wire to this office.

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

July 27th 1878.

Thirty six pair dollar dies instead of twenty four pair forwarded on twenty eighth ult.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

U. S. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

July 27th 1898.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information, duplicate invoices of 528 Slabs Best Schuylkill Zinc, recently shipped to your Mint by Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co. of Philadelphia, together with duplicate receipt of Maj. Dana, Quartermaster U. S. A. who forwarded the same.

The Yc of the Messrs. Trotter & Co. has been approved, - payment to be made from the appropriation for Purchasing and Refining Bullion, for your Mint.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

U. S. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. Mint,

San Francisco.

July 27th 1898.

Sir:

In a lot of merchandise recently sent from this Dept. to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia was a quantity of linen bags, in which silver coin had been shipped from your Mint to the Dept.

In answer to a letter from the Supt. of the Philad^a Mint, I have directed him to deliver these bags to Maj. Dana, Quartermaster, U. S. A., for shipment to your Mint.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

July 29th. 1878.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 27th inst. forwarding accounts in duplicate of Nicholas Dawson and R. B. Harrison, employes of the New Orleans Mint at present detailed for duty at your Mint, for services during the month of July, I have to inform you that the same have been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for settlement, drafts to be sent to your care.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, Phila.

July 29th. 1878.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$2500. for wages of Workmen at your Mint, requested in your dispatch of this date.

Respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, Phila.

July 29th. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th inst. transmitting Statement of Melter & Refiners Gold & Silver Workings, for the month of June, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston, Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco, Cal.

July 29th 1878.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in your name the sum of \$70,008.13 in fractional silver coin, on account of coinage on Trade Dollars, and that your Bullion Fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

In regard to the amount of seigniorage on hand (\$34,525.36) for the last half of the fiscal year 1878, I have to request that before the same is deposited, you will furnish this office with a statement showing what amount of this sum is seigniorage on the fractional silver, and what amount on the standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

July 29th 1878.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$3007.⁹⁰ in gold coin, payable from the appropriation for "Minting & Refining Bullion" to cover deficiency in your "Profit & Loss" account occasioned by loss on sale of gold receipts.

This advance will be treated in the same manner as a similar advance made your Mint last year.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Actg. Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

July 29th 1878.San Francisco.

Superintendent of Mint at Philadelphia telegraphs that dollar dies ordered by you June seventeenth and shipped June twenty-eighth were delivered to you July eighth. Answer.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint

July 29th 1878.San Francisco.

No charge should be made on silver bullion containing copper only, and suitable for ingots without refining. The law clearly contemplates the return only of expenses necessary and actually incurred.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Actg Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.July 29th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for payment from the appropriation for "Wages of Workmen" at your Mint for the current fiscal year the following Accounts viz:

Nicholas Dawson - Weigher 8 days @ \$4.⁰⁰ = \$32.⁰⁰

R. B. Harrison - Assistant in the Assay Dept. 23 days @ \$4.⁰⁰ = \$92.⁰⁰

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 29th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of H. L. Dodge, Sup't. of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, the sum of seventy thousand eight dollars and thirteen cents (\$70,008.13) in fractional silver coin, on account of coinage charge on Trade Dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by the transfer of this amount.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servant

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Messrs. Arthur and Bonnell
57 Liberty St.
New York.

July 29th 1878.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing bills in duplicate for five copies of Lloyd's Tables of Silver, furnished to the Mints of the U. S. at Philadelphia, Carson, Denver and New Orleans, and the U. S. Assay Office at Helena.

Your $\frac{1}{2}$ has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

R. Maclay Esq.

July 27th 1878.

Breck. Knickerbocker Ice Co.

432 Canal St.

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th inst. relative to exchanging silver fractional coins for standard silver dollars.

There is no provision of law under which silver fractional coins can be exchanged for silver dollars or legal tender notes.

A bill was introduced at the last session of Congress, for the redemption of these coins, but it failed to become a law.

U. S. trade dollars and foreign silver coins not being legal tenders can be refused.

I enclose herewith Treasury Circulars relative to the redemption of the nickel and bronze minor coins, and to the value of the Mexican and trade dollar.

Very respectfully

R. C. Breckton

Actg Director.

G. C. Acton, Esq.

July 29th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing a Statement of silver purchased at your Office from July 5th to 27th inst.

Very respectfully

R. C. Breckton

Actg Director.

Jas. R. Cooper, Esq.
Houghton, L. I.
Mich.

July 29th 1898.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. relative to furnishing refined copper and also copper carrying from 25 to 30 ounces of silver to the ton to the Mint for alloying purposes, I have to state that the copper now employed is perfectly satisfactory. Copper carrying a small percentage of silver has been often tried and found very inconvenient to incorporate in alloy.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Assay Office, Boise.

July 29th 1898.

Sir:

I return herewith the Bond of Robt. Heuschkel, Clerk in your Office, the same being imperfect in the particular that the Certificate of the District Judge or U. S. Attorney or Clerk of the Court of Record that the sureties are sufficient to pay the penalty of the bond, is wanting.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director

C. J. Bowles Esq.July 29th 1848.

Assayer in chg.

Assay Office, Charlotte.

Sir:

I return herewith the Bond of George B. Hanna, Clerk in your Office, received today, the same being imperfect in the particular that the Christian names of the parties are not written in full in the body of the bond or so signed.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Telegram

Supt. MintJuly 29th 1848.New Orleans.

Yourselves and Dr. Bonzans will please name a competent and suitable person for the Office of Melter and Refiner at your Mint.

H. R. Lindemann

Director.

G. L. Acton, Esq.July 30th 1848.

Assayer in Charge,

Assay Office, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June, I have to request that you will explain the necessity of the following purchase enumerated in petty bill of P. J. Toellner, viz; Spectacles \$1.00

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

American Tube WorksJuly 30th. 1898.

Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

I will thank you to furnish this office the price per pound at which you will furnish four dozen seamless copper Cannisters $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet long $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter inside measurement.

These Cannisters are required for the use of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson Nees. and must be of the best quality.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

 Jas. Crawford, Esq.July 30th. 1898.Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

I have to request that you will transmit immediately your Statement of "Coinage Executed" during the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1898.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Telegram.

Supt. MintJuly 30th. 1898.New Orleans.

Drafts were mailed you yesterday.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Actg Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.

Assayer &c.

Helena, Mont.

July 29th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th inst. transmitting a Statement of Mineral assays made at your Office for the six months ending June 30th 1878, together with Certificate of Deposit #2434 for the sum of \$123.00 on ac of the same.

Respectfully

R. C. Breton

Actg Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

July 31st 1878

Sir:

Referring to your communication of yesterday enclosing requisition for funds for the month of August, I have to say that it will be impossible to have the advance made until your Ordinary Account for June shall have reached the Department. The amount with which you are charged is already largely in excess of your bond, and the Comptroller approved the advance of \$2,500 made you yesterday only upon the representation of this Office that the necessity was very urgent.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

July 31st 1898H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 29th inst. transmitting statement of sweeps delivered and sold during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1898.

Referring to the concluding paragraph of your letter in which the statement is made - that the sweeps from the deposit melting furnaces have not been kept or reported separately, from the sweeps of the Melter and Refiner, I have to regret that you will, on and after the receipt of this communication, keep the deposit melting-room sweeps and residuum fluxes separate from those of the Melter and Refiner.

This is our practice everywhere, except at your Mint, I have before directed these sweeps to be kept separate, but the late Superintendent appeared to think it was impracticable.

For the Melter, and Refiner to receive these sweeps is contrary to the theory on which our mint operations are based, add, destroys the necessary check, both upon the operations of the deposit melting-room, and that of the Melter, and Refiner.

I desire that you will give this matter proper attention.

With the abundance of room which your mint possesses, I cannot understand why the deposit melting-room sweeps cannot be kept separate, and apart from those of the Melter and Refiner as required by the regulations for the government of the Mint.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director

July 31st 1878Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I transmit you by mail to day 100 copies of Department Circular "relative to the value of the Mexican and trade dollar", and suggest, that in order that there may be a uniformity in replies made to inquiries relative to these coins, that these circulars be sent whenever they cover the information sought for.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. G. Acton, Esq.M. Kahn, Esq.Supt. Assay Office N.Y.
New YorkSupt. Mint N.Y.
New OrleansJuly 31st 1878H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Superintendent &c.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 30th instant transmitting statement of silver purchases to July 20th 1878

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

July 31st 1898

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
Carrson, Nevada

We can only pay Express charge in
 standard silver dollars, and on purchase salutations.
 (You can pay by draft on San Francisco.)

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed

Director Mint.

July 31st 1898

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
Carrson, Nevada.

Draft for July mailed Twenty sixth instant

R. E. Preston

Actg Director

July 31st 1898

Thomas G. Acton, Esq.

Supt. M. & Assay Office
 New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Mr. Geo. G. Conover, having been appointed, an
 employe in the office of the Assayer of the Mint at
 New Orleans, reports at your office under my
 instructions, to familiarize himself with the
 practical duties of assaying bullion, and of computing
 the value thereof.

You will please afford him every facility for
 that purpose.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

July 31, 1878

Michael Kahn, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day instructed Mr Geo. L. Conners to report, at the assay Office of the U. S. at New York, to familiarize himself with the practical duties of assaying and computing the value of bullion. He will have a better opportunity at the assay office where the different grades of bullion from all parts of the country, are received, than he would have at the Philad^a Mint where our deposits are principally in the form of fine bars.

I am much pleased with the spirit exhibited by this young man, and if I am ~~not~~ mistaken he will, on a fair opportunity, show himself to be a man of merit, and a valuable accession to your Mint.

The compensation, at which he was nominated is only \$2.25 per diem, which I think is insufficient, and I suggest that the same be increased to \$3 per diem from tomorrow, the first proximo - on which day he will enter upon duty in New York.

His oath of office has been filed here to day. If you concur with me in this view (increase of compensation) it will only be necessary for you to write me recommending the increase.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint

New Orleans - La

You can continue to make necessary repairs in Melting Department -

H. R. Linderman
Director

Confirmed

Michael Kahn, Esq.

July 31. 1878

Supt. New Orleans Mint.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 24th inst. in relation to appointments to minor positions in your Mint, I have to inform you, that all appointments must be submitted for the approval of the Director, and when the employment is in one of the operative Departments must be accompanied by the nomination of the officer in charge in whose department the person is to be employed, as provided in Section 4 of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Michael Kahn, Esq.

July 31. 1878

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith the Official Bond of Wm. A. Mass, Cashier of your Mint, the same not being satisfactory for the reason that the Sureties do not appear to possess any property except personal property.

It is desirable that Sureties should in all cases possess real estate of the value of at least one half of the amount of the bond.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

G. J. Bowles, Esq.

July 31. 1878

Assayer U. S. Assay Office

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th instant in regard to the issue of coin Certificates for bullion deposited at your

office has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury
as the subject matter thereof is one entirely within his discretion.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Albert Hollins, Esq.

Assay, U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Hon. John Sherman

July 31st 1898

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have to report that information has been received
at this office from the Superintendent of the Mint at New
Orleans of the death in that city on the 24th instant of
Samuel Weeks, Melter and Refiner of the New Orleans Mint.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

John Ballin, Esq.

July 21st 1898

New York Press Club

6 Centre Street, New York

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant making
inquiries respecting the so called "Gold Dollar,"

I transmit herewith House Document relative to
the same, in which you will find the information
required.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. Payton, Esq.,
64 Pine St.
New York.

July 21st 1898

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th instant in reference to the value of the Russian silver rouble, promulgated by Treasury Circular of January 1, 1894.

You state that in a personal interview with me, I admitted having made a clerical error, which I would be glad to correct.

There was no clerical error whatever in stating the value of the Russian silver rouble, and you have evidently misunderstood my explanation in reference to the value given January 1, 1894 and that given January 1, 1895.

In Jan. 1894, the value of the rouble was calculated upon the ratio or relative value of Gold to Silver of 1 to 15½. In Jan. 1895 the value of the silver rouble was calculated on the basis of the U. S. trade dollar or a relative value of 1 to 16 $\frac{28}{100}$.

Silver having materially fallen before January 1895, it was through that the valuation on the basis of the trade dollar was the proper course to pursue.

The estimating of the value of ^{the} coins of countries of the silver standard, under the Act of March 3, 1893, was not free from difficulty, as we had no silver standard to go by, and the fall in the value of silver which commenced shortly after, made the matter still more complicated.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad^a Pa.

August 1st 1878

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause your bullion fund to be increased 500,000 by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, to be placed to your ^{credit} ~~credit~~ with the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at N. Y.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director of Mint.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent of
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 1st 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st ultimo, enclosing certain approved, and receipted bills in duplicate for merchandise, delivered to Major Dana, Quartermaster U. S. for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. ~~Mint~~, at Denver, Col.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

August 1st 1878

Sir:

I have examined, and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts for the month of June, 1878

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

August 1st 1878

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to
 please to be advanced you the sum of Ten Thousand
Dollars in gold coin, payable from the appropriation
 for "Packing and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

August 1st 1878

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month
 has been approved for the sum of Thirty-two Thousand
One Hundred Dollars, — payable from the following
 appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879	\$2,100 ⁰⁰
Wages of Workmen	"	23,000 ⁰⁰
Contingent Expenses	"	4,000 ⁰⁰

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director

Chas Rumley, Esq.
 Assayer in Charge
 Helena Assay Office

August 1st 1878

Sir:

Your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of
 June, 1878, has been received, at this office.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

August 1st 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th ultimo, stating that no sweeps were sold during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878.

I will thank you to transmit, as soon as practicable, a statement of the sweeps that accrued during the fiscal year and sold since that time, observing the details furnished by my letter of the 15th ultimo.

I desire this statement to appear in my forthcoming annual report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
New Orleans.

August 1st 1878

In consequence of the prevalence of yellow fever in your city, and the death of the Melter and Refiner, it has been decided after conference with, and the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to intermit for ninety days, active preparations for coinage at your Mint.

Such repairs however as it may be found practicable to make, will be continued under the supervision of the Superintendent, Assayer, and Coiner.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Confirmed

Herman Silver, Esq

August 1st 1898

Assayer &c

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information the following duplicate bills for merchandise recently shipped to your Mint. viz:

<u>Nathan Grotker & Co.</u>	1 Pig Seward Lead	\$3.24
<u>David Gilbert & Son</u>	2 Paine Assayers Spring Tongs	28. --
<u>Charles B. Fane</u>	preparing 50 lbs. lead for assay	4.80
<u>Bullock and Penhew</u>	5 Dzs. annealing cups	12.50
do.	3 Neeter Plain Breakers	3.00
<u>Phillips & Jacobs</u>	115 nests sand crucibles	14.83

These bills have all been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriations for contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

I am Sir. very respectfully

H. R. Underman

Director

Aug. 1st 1898

The purchase of silver ^{bullion} at the equivalent of the London rate, for delivery at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, payable in standard silver dollars, will be continued until further orders.

Offers for the sale of silver in lots of over 10,000 ounces, deliverable at the Philadelphia Mint, at the expense of the seller, will be entertained but no purchases above the equivalent of the London rate will be made, payment in all cases in silver dollars.

John Sherman

Secretary

Hon. John ShermanAugust 1st 1878

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:—

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia be increased Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars; and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of ~~the~~ said mint with the Chief Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully, &c

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. John ShermanAugust 1st 1878

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the U.S. in favor of N. P. Dodge Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, for the sum of \$32,100 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀, payable from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — San Francisco Mint — 1877 —	2,100 —
Wages of Workmen — do — "	23,000
Contingent Expenses — do — "	7,000

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Chief Auditor

August 1st 1878

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts for the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office for the month of June, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon. James Silliman
Treasurer U. S.

August 1st 1898

Sir:

Herewith please find enclosed certified check of R. W. Raymond, Esq., Late U. S. Commissioner of Mining Statistics, on the South Ward National Bank, for the sum of Twenty dollars, the same being the proceeds of one bookcase, property of the U. S.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

August 1st 1898

R. W. Raymond, Esq.

P.O. Box - 1465 - New York City, N.Y.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 31st ultimo, enclosing certified check on the South Ward National Bank for the sum of Twenty dollars, the same being the proceeds of one book case - The barometer and field glass mentioned in your letter have been received.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Telegram

John Seligman & Co.

New York City -

August 1st 1898

We will take one hundred thousand ounces silver, deliverable at Philadelphia Mint at one hundred fifteen and one tenth cents per ounce fine, which is one quarter of a cent per ounce less than the equivalent of to-day's London quotations. Exchange four eighty-six and one half. These are our terms until further notice.

Confirmed.

H. R. Linderman - Director

Similar telegram to Handy & Frorie

211 Nassau Street, New York -

H. M. James Pollard

August 2^o 1898

Capt. M. A. Meit

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879	\$ 3,500.-
Wages of Workmen	"	25,000.-
Contingent Expenses	"	6,000.-

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

August 2^o 1898

Capt. Assay Office, U.S.

New York

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 27th ultimo, relative to the insufficiency of the sample of ore, transmitted by letter of this office of the 20th ultimo, for the purpose of assay, I send you by current mail a larger specimen, and will thank you to transmit the Assayer's report thereon to this Office.

Very Respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Meit
Barrow Nevada -

August 2^o 1898

Take by wire your carriage for July -

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

August 2nd 1898

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of June.

Pay Roll of the General Department is herewith returned for signature of witnesses to the "mards" of Martha Hornier, Elizabeth Lane, and Caroline Slater.

Referring to Voucher No. 24, bill of the Knickerbocker Ice Co. I would inquire whether the first bill "to 130 lbs. May 3rd to June 29" - is not included in the last bill "to 130 lbs. May 3rd to June 29";

I would call your attention to the fact that the price paid for Steamboat Coal \$5.²⁵ per ton, Voucher 235, is largely in excess of that paid for Egg Coal, although both purchases appear to have been made on the same day and from the same party.

The quotation for Steamboat Coal is, as a general thing lower than for smaller sizes.

I will thank you to explain this.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston

Acting Director

First Auditor
Treasury Dept.

August 2nd 1898

Sir:

I hand you herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint. for month of June 1898

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston

Acting Director

A. D. Morgan, Esq.
 Ashville, Tenn.
 Sir:

August 2^d 1898

I have received your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing newspaper slip relative to the value of the Mexican dollar.

The statement that it is worth "about 98 cents in gold per piece" is a typographical error; it should have been 90.8 cents. The Mexican dollar, contains 344.174 grains of fine silver.

I enclose herewith copies of the circular referred to, and will thank you to furnish me to your evening paper with a request that a correction be made.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Telegram

J. B. Folgate & Co.
 47 Wall Street, New York

August 2^d 1898

We will take sixty thousand ounces silver deliverable at Philadelphia Mint, at one hundred fifteen and one tenth cents per ounce fine payable in silver dollars by draft on New York -

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
 Carson

August 31st 1898

State by wire immediately your carriage for July -

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c,
Philadelphia Pa.

August 3^d, 1898

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23^d ultimo, enclosing certificate of deposit in favor of Norman Silver, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, for \$484.00—on account of deductions on deposits for 2^d quarter 1898, and sweeps accruing during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898. I have to say that according to information received from the Assayer of the Denver Mint, the assay value of the scrap bars forwarded to your mint, was \$416.11, and the tax for deductions, \$67.26 making a total of \$483.37—showing a loss of \$1.22.

I will thank you to inform this office the amount of loss on the sweeps and deduction bars respectively

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt Mint &c,
Philadelphia

August 3^d, 1898

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Lazard Freres, 15,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint which you will please receive and make payment for at the rate of 115 $\frac{3}{100}$ cents per ounce fine in silver dollars by draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James PollockAugust 3rd 1878Superintendent &
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2^d instant,
enclosing respectively the following statements, viz:

- 1 Statement in settlement of the Comersa, as count made
with the Superintendent June 29, 1878 for the fiscal year ending for
June 30, 1878
- 2 Synopsis of Engineer Log. for the month ending July 31 1878
- 3 Statement of Minor Arms redeemed, re-issued, and exchanged,
and minor salvage operations for the month of July 1878

I am Sir, very respectfully,

D. C. Preston

Acting Director

H. L. Dodge, EsqAugust 3rd 1878

Supt. &c.

San Francisco,

Sir:

I have received your letter of July 26th ultimo,
stating your action in regard to the award of
contract for furnishing your Mint with Nitric and
Sulphuric Acid for the period of one year from
September 22^d 1878-

Your action in awarding the contract to Messrs
Judson & Shepard is hereby approved

I am Sir, Very respectfully

D. C. Preston

Acting Director

James Crawford, EsqAugust 3rd 1878

Supt. &c. Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received yours of July 24th ultimo, transmitting statement
showing the transactions in the standard silver dollars to July 30. 1878

I am Sir, very respectfully

D. C. Preston, Act. Director

James Crawford, Esq.
 Superintendent &c
 Dawson, Nevada -

August 3rd 1898

Sir:

I have to call your attention to a letter from this office bearing date July 2nd ultimo, calling for a detailed statement of the annual settlement of the operative officers accounts of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1898.

It is highly important that this statement should be rendered at the earliest practicable moment, and I will therefore thank you to give the subject your immediate attention.

I am Sir, very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
 Superintendent &c
 New York

August 3rd 1898

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 11th instant, asking that the building #23 Pine St. be assigned by the Secretary of the Treasury for the use of the Melter and Refiner of your Office, I have to state that I have this day addressed a letter to that Office, with a favorable recommendation that the same be done.

I am Sir, very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

C. J. Crooks, Esq.

August 3rd 1878

Assayer in charge

Charlotte Assay Office,

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$235.⁰⁰ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879	\$210. ⁰⁰
Wages & Incidentals	"	25.00

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Jacob D. Bartlett, Esq.

August 3rd 1878

North East.

Eric Geo. Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo, requesting to be informed if silver dollars were coined prior to 1795, and why the dollar of that date bears fifteen instead of thirteen stars?

The first coinage of silver dollars was 1794, in which year 1458 pieces were struck.

In the early history of our coinage it was contemplated adding an additional star on the coins for each State admitted, but in a few years it was found that the field would be crowded and therefore we returned to the original thirteen, one for each State composing the Confederation.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury

August 3rd 1878

Sir:

I am informed by the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, that it is contemplated to employ a Marine Guard to patrol the Treasury building in that city, and that, alterations to that end are now under consideration, and that, should the plan be adopted, it will necessitate the removal of the large tank on receiver, used by the Melter and Refiner of the Assay Office to contain dilute Sulphuric Acid, a by product of importance in the exchange for Oil of Vitriol.

This tank occupies the space between the Treasury building and the Refinery of the Assay Office, and I would suggest that the building #23 Pine Street, directly in the rear of the Refinery, and separated from it only by a few feet, and now unoccupied, be appropriated to the use of the Assay Office. It will be of great advantage to the Melter and Refiner, to have the entire building, as it will enable him to place in it, all his tanks used for the manufacture of blue vitriol, and storage of acid.

The parting and refining operations would then be unobstructed, and can be conducted with much greater convenience, and the use of this building would afford greater facilities for receiving supplies, and the delivery of by products.

As the business of the Assay Office is constantly increasing, I trust that the building referred to, may be appropriated to its use; the expense of preparing it for the use of the Assay Office, it is estimated will not be very great.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Joseph B. Walker, Esq.

#281 11th St.

Louisville, Ky.

August 3rd 1898

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 1st instant, I send you to day a copy of the Rules & Regulations governing the transactions at the Mints and Assay Office from which you will be able to obtain the information desired.

I am Sir, very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Lazara & SonsAugust 3rd 1898

65 Pine Street New York

Our price today is one dollar and fifteen thirty four hundredths cents per ounce, and at which rate we will accept the lot offered payable in silver dollars by draft on New York -

R. E. Preston -

Acting Director.

Confirmed

Messrs Lazara & SonsAugust 3rd 1898

65 Pine Street, New York

Gentlemen:

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive, and make payment for 15,000 ounces fine silver purchased of you this day at the rate of 115 $\frac{34}{100}$ cents per ounce fine in silver dollars by draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Jack B. Colgate & Co.
44 Wall St. New York

August 3rd 1898

We will pay one hundred fifteen, and thirty four hundredth cents per ounce fine for one hundred thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at Philadelphia Mint. Payment in silver dollars by draft on New York

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c
Philadelphia, Pa

August 5th 1898

Sir:

I have received your two letters of the 3rd instant, enclosing Quaster-masters receipt for coin bags shipped to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco; also same for one box and one cask of supplies for the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col.

I am sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

N. L. Dodge, Esq.
Superintendent &c
San Francisco

August 5th 1898

Sir:

I have received your letter bearing date July 27th ultimo, transmitting respectively statement of the standard silver dollar movement for the weeks ending July 13th and 20th; also statement showing the condition of your Bullion Fund.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Thomas A. Eaton, Esq.
Supt. Assay Office
New York

August 5th 1878

Sir:

I have your letter of the 3rd inst. relative to the basis of silver purchasing rate for bullion deliverable at the Philadelphia Mint.

The Director is in your city to-day and will explain to you the reason for the $\frac{1}{4}\%$ deduction from London quotation, and Sterling Exchange, and which is in accordance with instructions of the Secretary.

Very respectfully

C. E. Preston

Acting Director

James Crawford, Esq.
Superintendent &c
Carson City, Nevada

August 5th 1878

Sir:

From the statement of transactions in silver dollars to July 30th ultimo, rendered by you, it appears that the total disbursements amount to \$791,587. According to your reports the seignage of silver dollars at your Mint to July 30, amounted to \$1,114,000, and, deducting the amount \$791,587 paid out, would leave a balance on hand of \$322,411. Your daily seignage statement for July 30, shows the balance of standard silver dollars on hand to be \$338,004. - I will thank you for an explanation of the difference in these statements.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

C. E. Preston

Acting Director

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

August 5, 1898

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of One Thousand Dollars in Gold Coin, payable from the appropriation for Packing and Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

August 5, 1898

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$5,000. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1899	2,000 ⁰⁰
Wages of Workmen	"	9,000 ⁰⁰
Contingent Expenses	"	4,000 ⁰⁰

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Chas. Dumbley, Esq.
Assay in charge
Helena Assay Office.

August 5, 1898

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Office of the Department, for settlement, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of June, 1898.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

W. Silva Esq.

August 5th 1898

Assayer in charge

Denver Mint

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$1655.²⁵/₁₀₀ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1899	669. ⁴⁵ / ₁₀₀
Wages of Workmen	"	685. ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀
Contingent Expenses	"	300. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Charles Rumley Esq.

August 5th 1898

Assayer &c

Helena, Montana

Sir:

In reply to your letter, dated July 24th ultimo, in regard to ^{the} grading of the grounds surrounding your Assay Office, I have to say that the Supervising Architect informs me that instructions will be issued in a day or two from his office for the grading necessary.

I am Sir, very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

First Auditor

August 5th 1898

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the Helena Assay Office for the month of June, 1898.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Jackson Co., Bankers
 Helena, Ark.

August 5th 1898

Sirs:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Treasurer, U.S., enquiring how much will be allowed you in U.S. silver half dollars or in standard silver dollars for 2000 Mexican dollars, has been referred to this Office.

I enclose you herewith a circular relative to the value of the Mexican dollar, from which you will see that these coins not being a legal tender in the United States have only a value, as silver bullion.

Our latest London quotation for silver bullion is 52 $\frac{3}{4}$ pence, at which rate Mexican dollars are worth as bullion about 90 $\frac{3}{8}$ cents per piece or 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, with the Mint deduction. In all cases Mexican dollars as well as all other foreign coin and trade dollars are purchased at the Mint by weight and fineness, and not by count.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

B. C. Wright, Esq.
 "Bulletin"
 San Francisco,

August 5th 1898

Sir:

I transmit herewith a Statement of the coinage executed at the Philadelphia Mint during the month of July, 1898.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Geo. S. Dye, Esq.
1338 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia.

August 5th 1878

Sir:

I transmit herewith, a Statement of the Coinage executed, at the Mints of, during the month of July, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Lazard Freres

August 5th 1878

Sirs:

I have your letter of the 3^d instant requesting permission to, deliver the silver bars sold same date, to the Assay Office in your City instead of shipping to the Mint, at Philadelphia.

I regret we cannot comply with your request, as it would entail upon the Government the expense of double melting and assaying, in addition to transportation to the Mint.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

August 6th 1878

Sir:

I have examined, and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement your Refining Expense Account for the month of July, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
 Superintendent &c
 New York

August 6th 1878

Sir:

We have to day purchased for delivery at your office, fine silver of the following named parties, viz:
 100,000 ounces of Nipres, Handy & Corrie
 100,000 do do " J. W. Seligman & Co.
 100,000 do do " Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

I will thank you to receive, and pay for the same in standard silver dollars, at the rate of one hundred, and fifteen and one half cents per ounce fine.

I am Sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

James Crawford, Esq.
 Superintendent &c
 Carson, Nevada.

August 6th 1878

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter bearing date July 29th ultimo, touching certain charges preferred against Mr. Prescott, the Assayer of your Mint, by "H. K. Noble", also enclosing the letter of Mr. Noble.

Upon the return of the Director the matter will receive his attention.

I am Sir, Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Thomas Ogden, Esq.
 Superintendent &c
 New York

August 6, 1878

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause your Gullion Fund to be increased Two Hundred thousand (\$200,000) dollars, by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars.

I am Sir, very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Charles Rumley, Esq.
 Assayer &c
 Helena, Mon.

August, 6, 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 26th ultimo, enclosing Certificate of Deposit \$2443. for \$210¹⁵ on account of sweeps collected during fiscal year ending June 30, 1878.

I am Sir, very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

First Auditor
 Treasury Dept

August 6, 1878

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Refining Expense Account of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, for the month of July, 1878

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston

Acting Director

August 6th 1878

All the members of the Commission on the purchase of Silver being absent, the Acting Director of the Mint is hereby authorized to purchase the following amounts of silver bullion at the rate of 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce fine, viz:

100,000 ounces from Handy and Cronise

100,000 " " J. W. Seligman & Co.

100,000 " " J. B. Colgate & Co.

Deliverable at the U. S. Assay Office, at New York.

(Signed) John B. Hawley
Acting Secretary Treasury

Telegram

Handy & CroniseAugust 6th 1878

24 Nassau St. New York

We will accept one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at the rate of one hundred and fifteen and one half cents per ounce fine deliverable at the Assay Office in your City. Offer good for to-day only.

H. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Similar telegram to

J. W. Seligman & Co.
New York

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.
117 Wall St. New York

Thos. J. Case, Esq.August 6th 1878

Postmaster, Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury Circular No. 1, referred to in letter of this Office of the 22nd ultimo, and requested by your letter of the 3rd instant.

Very respectfully

H. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

August 6 1878

I have the honor to request that you will cause the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at New York, to be increased five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars, by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
B. E. Preston
Acting Director

Duplicate letter Aug. 7 78

Hon. James Pollock
Subt. M. S. Mint
Philadelphia.
Sir:

August 14 1878

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U.S. in your favor for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, in Gold coin, payable from the appropriation for "Minting and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully
B. E. Preston
Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

August 17 1878

I have received your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing Certificate of Deposit above for \$365.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Gold coin on account of minting, refining and bar charges.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
B. E. Preston

Acting Director

Sir James Pollock
 Superintendent &c
 Philadelphia, Pa.

August 7th 1871

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th instant transmitting statement of domestic silver purchases for the month of July ultimo.

I am Sir, very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
 Capt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York City.

August 7th 1871

Sir:

Referring to your letter of yesterday, submitting the appointments of Small Brady, and W^m H. Field for approval, I have to request that you will forward the nomination of the Melkew and Refiner, as required by Section 4 of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
 Superintendent &c
 New York

August 7th 1871

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th instant, transmitting a synopsis of the Engineering, for the month of July ultimo.

I am Sir, very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Telegram Superintendent M. A. Assay Office
New York

August 4, 1878

You are authorized to pay Nandy Spruice approximate value to such extent as you deem safe and proper.

P. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

M. J. Donzano, Esq.

August 4, 1878

New Orleans Mint.

Sir:

Owing to the fact that a draft for the amount of your requisition for the month of June, did not reach you, we requested that the same amount be advanced the present Superintendent, and instructed that office to pay the expenses of your Mint for the month of June, and render an account of the same, the bills and pay rolls to be approved by you.

Your Ordinary Account will therefore close on the last day of May.

If however you have expended the balance in your hands on the 31st of May, you will render an Account for that amount.

If you have not expended it, you will have to deposit it to the credit of the proper appropriations for the last fiscal year, and it can be advanced the new Superintendent.

The ruling of the Department is that money can not be advanced to a person after he has retired from office, and, as we were not aware that the amount of your requisition had not reached you, until after you had vacated your office, we could not make you the advance required.

You can however expend any money in your hands up to the 30th of June.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. William D. Allison

August 14 1878

Dubuque, Iowa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, requesting to be furnished with a statement of the coinage of Gold for the last fiscal year, and, also in reference to the capacity of the Mint for the coinage of Silver after the New Orleans Mint is put in order, I enclose herewith a statement showing the coinage of Gold, by months, from July 1, 1877 to June 30, 1878, and also that for the month of July 1878.

The capacity of the Mint for the coinage of silver after the Mint at New Orleans shall have commenced operations, will be, about 4,000,000 per month in silver dollars, this in addition to the usual Gold coinage.

Should there be in future a large demand for the coinage of fractional silver coins, the amount stated of silver dollars per month would be slightly reduced.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Thos. C. Sutton, Esq.,

August 5 1878

Supt. U. S. Army Office
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, payable from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879	2,800.00
Wages of Workmen	"	2,000.00
Contingent Expenses	"	700.00

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Mr. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia

August 8th 1878

Sir:

I transmit you by mail to day ten books of blank pay receipts for the use of your Mint.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 8th 1878

Officers of over ten thousand ounces should be sent here for action of Commission and the approval of the Secretary.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 8th 1878

What will be your probable coinage of silver dollars for this month.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to

Superintendent Mint
Canon Nevada.

Telegram

Louis M^r Lane

August 8th 1878

President Accada Bank, San Francisco,

Will, accept twelve ^{hundred} thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at the San Francisco Mint, and pay for the same, at the rate of one hundred, and fifty, and one half cents per ounce fine, in standard silver dollars, which you can deposit for four per cent bonds, commission of one fourth percent will be allowed you by the Department and paid by check in case you accept, and make subscription.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director Mint

Confirmed

W. Hubbard, Esq.,
Nickman, Ky.

August 8th 1898

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th instant enclosing a newspaper slip relative to the value of the Mexican dollar. The statement that it is worth ninety eight cents in gold per piece is a typographical error, and should have been ninety and eight tenths cents.

I enclose herewith the Treasury circular referred to. The London quotations, are furnished daily by the leading papers.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

John Noen, Esq.,
Lawrence Bank
Pittsburgh, Pa.

August 8th 1898

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th instant addressed to "Philadelphia", advising of the shipment of 295 Mexican dollars for return in standard silver dollars, and have referred the same to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philada.

I enclose herewith Treasury Circular relative to the Mexican and Trade dollars.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

R. Goldberg, Esq.
305 Main St.

August 8th 1878

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2^d, instant, requesting to be informed - "what would the weight be of a solid block of gold, one cubic foot in size?"

One cubic foot of fine gold weighs 17,540.755 ounces troy or 1,202.79 lbs., avoird.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Ruston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

August 9th 1878

Sir:

I will thank you to have Vouchers, in duplicate prepared, and receipted by the employees of the New Orleans Mint, detailed for duty at your Mint, covering their compensation for the current month, and forward the same to this office, about the 15th inst.

Very respectfully

R. E. Ruston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

August 9th 1878

Sir:

I send you by to day's mail two packages of blank "Certificate of Gold Deposit." Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully

R. E. Ruston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

August 9th 1878

Sir:

I send you by today's mail, a supply of blank pay rolls, - all we have at present.

Very respectfully

R. E. Ruston

Acting Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco

August 9th 1878

Sir:

I return herewith ^{the} contract entered into with Messrs. Judson & Shepard for supplying your Mint with acids, and the form of bond enclosed in your letter of the 30th ultimo.

The Solicitor of the Treasury is of the opinion that the parties named should furnish a bond of the sum of \$20,000. - for the faithful performance of the contract, which you will please require of them, and forward to this office with the contract.

Very respectfully

R. E. Ruston

Acting Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco, Cal.

August 9th 1878

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st instant enclosing certificate of deposit for \$4.60, on account of sale of old material has been received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Ruston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 9th 1898

Negotiations pending at lower rates.

R. E. Dutton

Confirmed.

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

August 9th 1898

Have purchased of Nevada Bank twelve hundred thousand ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint. Receive and pay for same in silver dollars at the rate of one hundred and fifteen and one half cents per ounce fine. Pay approximate value on delivery balance, after melt and assay. Will have fifteen hundred thousand silver dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer by wire to-day.

R. E. Dutton

Confirmed.

Acting Director

Thos. G. Acton, Esq.

August 9th 1898

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City

Sir:

I will thank you to have a voucher prepared in duplicate, and receipted by Mr. Geo. J. Conners, an employe of the New Orleans Mint, detailed for duty at your office, covering his compensation for the month of August, at the rate of \$3.²⁵ per diem, and forward the same to this Office, about the 15th instant.

Very respectfully

R. E. Dutton

Acting Director

Michael Hobbs, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

August 9th 1878

Sir:

Your requisition for funds has been approved for the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars payable from the following appropriations, viz:

Repairs and Machinery ————— 1879 ————— \$1500⁰⁰

Very Respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Michael Hobbs, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

August 9th 1878

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause to be advanced you the sum of 100⁰⁰ payable from the following appropriations, viz:

Contingent Expenses ————— 1878 ————— \$100⁰⁰

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

First Auditor
Treasury Dept.

August 9th 1878

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the Denver Mint, for the month of July, 1878.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Herman Silver, Esq.August 9th 1878Assayer in charge
Denver Mint.

Sir:

I have examined, and referred to the Accounting Office of the Department for settlement your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of July, 1878.

I will thank you to inform me whether the following persons, are still employed in your Mint, and, if not, the date of their removal.

E. H. Collins, 2nd Asst. Melt & Refiners Dept.Amos Shell, Watchman, General Dept.Very respectfully
P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the TreasuryAugust 9th 1878

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco to be increased One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000⁰⁰.) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars to be placed to the credit of the Superintendent, with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco by wire.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
P. E. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint

Telegram

Louis McLaneAug. 9th 1878

President, Nevada Bank, San Francisco.

Superintendent of Mint, instructed to receive silver and pay approximate value.

P. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director -

Hon. Jno. Sherman

August 9-1878

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of Michael Hahn, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans, for the sum of One Hundred Dollars payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of said Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30-1878

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

J. S. Morgan, Esq.

August 9-1878

1733 Main St.

Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th instant requesting to be informed of the cost of receiving 1000 to 3000 Mexican dollars, and the length of time you would have to wait for return.

I enclose Treasury circular relative to the value of Mexican, and Trade, dollars, and the terms upon which they are received, at the Mints.

Returns are made in from two to three days after receipt.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 10-1878

Send as many silver dollars as practicable this month running regular time.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

August 10th 1875

Sir:

This will be handed you by Mr. Archibald Parker, who has recently been appointed to the position of Bookkeeper in the New Orleans Mint, and who, at the request of the Superintendent of that Mint, has been detailed for duty at your institution to familiarize himself with the duties of his position.

I will thank you to place him under the supervision of Mr. Croppertwaite, your bookkeeper, with instructions to afford him such information as he requires.

He will be governed by the regulations of your Mint the same as any of your employees.

Very respectfully

B. E. Preston

Acting Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco

August 10th 1875

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, requesting permission to send another Artesian well, and construct a pump to work it, you are hereby authorized to cause the same to be done provided that the total expense shall not exceed \$500 to be paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully

B. E. Preston

Acting Director

H. D. Dodge Esq.
Supt. Mint Bk.
San Francisco.

August 10th 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2^d instant, transmitting a copy of the Guinea report on the standard silver dollar piece for the month of July last.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Chas. Rumley Esq.
Assayer in Charge Assay Office
Helena Montana

August 10th 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 30th ultimo, transmitting statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878, also statement of materials on hand at the close of said year.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Wm. Schuyler & Co.
New York.

August 10th 1878

Will give one hundred and fifteen cents per ounce fine for one hundred thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at Philadelphia payable in silver dollars by draft on New York.

Offer good for today only.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director.

The above offer is based upon today's London quotation 50 1/2 with Exchange at 4.5 1/2 - the parity being 115.28 less one fourth

1.15 1/2

R. E. P.

Confidential

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

August 12th 1878

Sir:

I will be pleased to receive from you a report of the progress made by Messrs Lery and Sauvonn, employees of the Mint, at New Orleans, who have been temporarily assigned to your Mint for instruction in the duties of their respective positions. The duties of the calculation clerk being highly important, I particularly desire to know of Mr. Lery's qualifications for that Office.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 12th 1878

Sir:

By today's mail I send you the blanks: "Minor coins deposited for redemption," called for in your recent requisition.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 12th 1878

Sir:

By today's mail, I send you the blanks: "Certificates of silver purchase," recently called for in your requisition for stationery.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia

August 12th 1898

Draft for funds will be mailed today.

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 12th 1898

It is simply desired that you coin, as many silver dollars, as practicable, without interfering with your gold coinage.

P. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 12th 1898

You are authorized to accept offers of Anglo-Californian Bond, and Daniel Meyer, as communicated in your telegrams of tenth instant.

P. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

August 13th 1898

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 1st instant relative to the letter from this office, dated July 24th ultimo, approving your action in the matter of the sale of surplus accumulated during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1898 (124 bble.) I have to say that said approval was intended to cover the whole transaction.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office
New York

August 12 1898

Please state by wire, quotation for sight sterling
Exchange.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.,

August 12 1898

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City

Sir:

The compensation of George E. Converse, an employee
of the New Orleans Mint, detailed for instruction at
your Office has been increased to \$3.00 per diem from the
first instant.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Herman Silver, Esq.,

August 12 1898

Assayer &c.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information
duplicate invoice of two large assay furnaces recently
shipped by your Mint by Messrs. Probst, of Philadelphia.

The account has been approved, and referred to the
accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made
from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your
Mint for the current fiscal year.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Jas. Crawford, Esq.,
Supt. Mint N. I.
Carson.

August 12th 1898

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th instant, transmitting your statement of Deposits, and Purchases, Gold, and Silver, of Domestic Production, Coinage Executed, and Base Manufactured for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898.

The Books of this Office, prepared from your monthly statements, show the coinage of fractional silver, at your Mint to have been as follows, viz:

Half, dollars 50.000

Quarter " 810.000

Dimes 229.000

Your annual statement furnished these several amounts as follows, viz:

Half, dollars \$1,86.000

Quarter " 819.000

Dimes 412.000

I will thank you to inform this Office, without delay which of these statements is correct. I enclose a transcript from your monthly statements showing the coinage of fractional coin for each month, which you will compare with your books, and return to this Office, indicating where you have been in error, although it does not seem probable that your statements took by wire, and mail were incorrect.

Your annual statement of Base Manufactured shows the total amount as \$113,454.98. This is the amount as reported for the month of August, and for October you reported \$20,384.60.

Please state if the report for October was incorrect or whether this last amount should be added to the total as furnished by your Annual Statement.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston, Acting Director

James Crawford, Esq.,
Superintendent &c
Carson Nevada.

August 12th 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th instant, transmitting Certificate of Deposit #169, for \$1,609⁵⁰/₁₀₀ on, account of the Earnings of the Refinery of your Mint for the month of July ultimo.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

John J. Fowler, Esq.,
Assayer &c
Charlotte. N. C.

August 12th 1878

Sir:

By to days mail I send you a supply of blanks:
"Abstracts of petty Expenses."

I am Sir, very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans

August 12th 1878

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of the 7th inst. you are hereby authorized to detail Mr. Schuetz the newly appointed Deposit Clerk of your Mint, for duty at the Philadelphia Mint for instructions in the duties of the position which he is to occupy.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Michael Healy, Esq.

August 12th 1878

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith the Official Bond of Wm. H. Mass, the same having been returned to this Office by the Solicitor of the Treasury with the enclosed memorandum.

It would appear that the bond is deficient in that the duties of his position are not defined.

These could be interlined, I should think, or a new bond prepared.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

R. C. Stone, Esq.

Aug. 12th 1878

Box 4306 - New York

Sir:

Your letter of the 3^d instant requesting a list of the Mints, and U. S. Assay Offices, & addressed to Philadelphia, has been forwarded by the Superintendent of the Mint in that City, to this Office.

The Mints, and Assay Offices, are as follows, viz:

U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

" " " San Francisco, Cal.

" " " Carson, Nev.

" " " New Orleans, La.

" " " Denver, Col.

" Assay Office at New York City

" " " Charlotte, N. C.

" " " Helena, Mont.

" " " Boise City, Idaho.

The Mint at Denver is conducted as an Assay Office

I transmit by current mail a copy of the last annual report of the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston - Acting Director

Messrs C. & A. L. Bonbiter

August 10th 1908

1906 Broad Street

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your account, amounting to \$124- for two large assay furnaces, recently shipped by you to the U. S. Mint at Denver Col. has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement; in the course of a few days a draft for this amount will be forwarded to you.

I am very respectfully

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock

August 13th 1908

Capt. Philadelphia Mint

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 12th inst. enclosing Voucher of the employees of the New Orleans Mint, detailed at your Mint covering their compensation for the month of August I have to request that you will inform them that their Voucher will be sent to the Superintendent of the Mint, at New Orleans for payment, and that drafts for the amounts of their respective bills, will be sent them about the 30th instant.

Very respectfully

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent U. S. assay Office Aug. 13th 1908

New York

Please state price of sight sterling exchange.

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York

August 13th 1878

Sir:

I have to request that you will order from Messrs. Becker and Sons, one of their best assay balances, No. 3 on their list published Oct. 17th 1877, which they will carefully pack, and forward by Express to the U. S. Assay Office, at Helena, Montana, and transmit their account for the same to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

B. E. Preston

Acting Director

T. C. Acton, Esq.
 Supt. Assay Office U. S.
 New York

August 13th 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th instant, transmitting Assayer's report of special test assays of the coinage of the Mint at Philadelphia for the months of July, and August.

Very respectfully

B. E. Preston

Acting Director

A. W. Walters, Esq.
 Assayer in charge
 Price Assay Office

August 15th 1878

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$652.⁷² from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1877	\$252. ⁷²
Wages, and contingent	"	400. —

Very respectfully

B. E. Preston Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 13th 1878

You are authorized to purchase one hundred thousand ounces fine silver from Bank of California at the rate of one hundred fifteen, and, one half cents per ounce fine. Cannot alter terms of purchase for lots of less than ten thousand ounces.

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 13th 1878

Your telegram of yesterday as received, at this Office read, only three thousand ounces, as offered by Hazard & Fries. You are authorized to purchase eleven thousand ounces of them at the rate of one hundred fifteen, and thirty six hundredths cents per ounce fine the parity of our latest quotation today.

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 13th 1878

Will have five hundred thousand silver dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer tomorrow

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

E. R. Loring Esq
Philadelphia

August 13th 1878

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. in relation to your pay I would say that a draft for the amount will be sent you by the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, about the 30th instant.

Very respectfully

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Michael Kahn, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

August 13th 1878

Sir:

I return herewith the Bond of John Christian Schuetz, Deposit Clerk of your Mint, with memorandum of the Solicitor of the Treasury, as to its insufficiency.

It would appear that it is open to the same objection as that of Mr. Mass, returned yesterday, viz. that the duties of his position not being defined by law must be defined in the obligation on the bond.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

H. Silver, Esq.,
Assayer in Chf. Mint U. S.
Denver.

August 13th 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th instant relative to conversion of "change bars" into coin.

You are hereby authorized to transmit the same by Express to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, who will be instructed to remit you the several specified denominations of coin.

You will please advise this Office, as to whether it would answer your purpose to furnish you with standard silver dollars instead of gold dollar pieces, as it is our desire to employ every available means for placing the standard silver dollar in circulation.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Robt. Taylor & Co.
19th & Callowhill St. Philada.

August 13th 1875

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to prepare for shipment and deliver to Major J. J. Dana, U. S. Quartermaster in your City, fifty (50) No. 100 Black Lead fuses, and twenty (20) covers for the same, marking the packages U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana Tg.

You will please transmit your bill, in duplicate, together with the receipt of Major Dana for the packages, to this Office for settlement.

I rely upon your furnishing, a first class article, at the lowest market rates.

As these fuses have to be transported some five or six hundred miles by wagons, over rugged mountain roads, you will please see that they are carefully, and securely packed to prevent breakage, and abrasion.

Very respectfully

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Major J. J. Dana
Quartermaster U. S. A.
Philadelphia Pa.

August 13th 1875

Sir:

I have to request that you will receive, certain packages of fuses from Messrs Robt. Taylor and Co. of Philadelphia and forward these same to the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana Tg in the usual manner.

Very respectfully

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

August 14th 1898

Sir:

I have to request that you will procure for the use of the U.S. Assay Office, at Helena, Montana, the following articles, viz:

Five dozen pairs furnace mitts.

One dozen muffles, size 5 x 11.

Three dozen, drying, and, annealing cups.

Six pipettes .100 c.c. for normal solution.

" " 1 c.c. " decimal "

Two dozen volumetric assay bottles (sq.) without numbering.

You will please cause the above articles to be carefully and securely packed, and deliver for shipment to Maj. J. J. Dana, U.S. Quartermaster, in your city, transmitting his receipt for the same, together with bill for the goods, in duplicate, to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Wm. Dumbley Esq.
Assayer Helena, Mont.

August 14th 1898

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2^d instant making requisition for certain articles for the use of your Office and have this day ordered the same to be furnished you.

The assay balance I have ordered from Becker and Sons, of their finest manufacture, and I trust will give you satisfaction. Becker's balances are preferred to Oertling's at the Philadelphia Mint, and New York Assay Office, as being equally delicate, and more reliable.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury

August 14th 1878

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the bullion fund of the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco to be increased by the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver Dollars to be placed to the credit of the Superintendent with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco by wire.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

W. L. Dodge Esq.
Superintendent &c
San Francisco, Cal.

August 15th 1878

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information the duplicate account of the Empire Transportation Co. for freight on 549 slabs Lehigh Iron, recently shipped to your Mint, also the account of M^{rs} J. Crawford, for hauling the same.

These accounts have been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Packing and Refining at your Mint.

I am Sir, very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 15th 1878

You are authorized to purchase of Daniel Meyer forty Thousand ounces of fine bullion, at the rate of one hundred fifteen, and thirty five hundredth cents per ounce of fine silver contained. Seller to pay packing charge. This is the exact parity of London rate to day.

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

(Confirmed)

James Crawford Esq.
Superintendent &c
Carson Nevada.

August 15th 1898

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information the following papers, viz:
Duplicate account of the Empire Transportation Co. for freight
on 4 barrys Pure Nitric Acid, from Philadelphia to Chicago,
recently shipped to your Mint, also the account of W^m J.
Crawford for hauling the same, together with an account of
the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for freight on one case glassware
from Council Bluffs to Ogden. These accounts have been
approved and referred to the accounting office for
settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation
for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year
ending June 30th 1898.

I am Sir, very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
Carson Nevada.

August 15th 1898

State by wire, approximate amount of silver bullion
on hand, close of business to day.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
Carson

August 15th 1898

You are authorized to purchase two (two) thousand
ounces fine silver referred to by your dispatch of current
date, at the rate of one hundred, fifteen, and thirty
five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

This is exact parity of London rate to day.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Albert Wolke, Esq.

August 15th 1878

Assayer in charge

Coin Assay Office

Sir:

I return herewith your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of July, 1878, with the request that you will withdraw Voucher No. 4. for freight on certain merchandise, the expense having been incurred during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878.

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$49.⁰⁰, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office for the past fiscal year.

On receipt of the draft for that amount you will please state a supplemental account for the month of June, covering the Voucher referred to, and forward the same to this office.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Thos. C. Norton, Esq.

August 15th 1878

Supt. M. & Assay Office

New York City

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of Four Thousand Dollars in Gold Coin payable from the appropriation for Packing and Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury

August 15th 1898

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your Varrant, on the Treasurer of the United States, in favor of Albert Wolters, Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the sum of Forty-nine⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$49.⁰⁰/₁₀₀), payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of that office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898.

Very respectfully

D. E. Brewster

Acting Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco

August 16th 1898

Sir:

I have examined, and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement your Ordering and Refining Expense Accounts for the month of July, 1898 - together with a copy of your letter of the 8th inst. in relation to the signature of N. Smith, Janitor.

I return herewith your Account for expenses incurred in the Manufacture of Standard Silver Dollars, during the same month with the information that the same can not be allowed.

The Act, making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the current fiscal year provides, under the head of U. S. Mints and Assay Offices, "But in no event shall the expenditures of said Mints, and Assay Offices exceed the amounts of the specific appropriations herein made for the same."

The Comptroller has decided that this prevents us from using any moneys for the support of the Mints & Assay Offices except the specific appropriations made in the Act referred to, and the charges collected for "Ordering and Refining

ballin" which are provided for specifically in the bill.

It will be necessary for you to deposit to the credit of the proper appropriation, any funds remaining in your hands unexpended, on the 30th day of last June, advanced you from the appropriation for the "Manufacture of Standard Silver Dollars", and to either ^{include} the Vouchers in the account returned, with your Ordinary Expense Account for the current month, or to render, a supplemental, account of Ordinary Expenditures, during the month of July.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

First Auditor

August 16th 1878

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the following Accounts, viz:

Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the New Orleans Mint for part of the month of June, 1878.

Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint for the month of July, 1878, together with a copy of his letter of the 8th inst. explaining the absence of the signature of McIntosh on the pay roll of the General Department.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

C. M. Walker, Esq.

August 16th 1878

Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, relative to the value of the trade dollar, and requesting to be informed, at what rate the Government paid these dollars out, and how they got into circulation?

The trade dollar was authorized to be coined by the Act of Feb. 12, 1875, and was not intended for circulation in the United States but ^{for} export to China.

That Empire possesses no mint for the coinage of Gold or Silver, and depends upon foreign coins for its domestic circulation, and until the institution of the trade dollar, the principal shipments of coin to China were in the form of Mexican dollars.

The trade dollar was designed to compete with the Mexican dollar and therefore was made a trifle more valuable, about two mille per piece, thus, not only affording a market for the surplus silver of the mines on the Pacific Coast, but furnishing merchants and importers from China, with silver in a convenient form for payment for commodities, instead of their being obliged to purchase Mexican dollars for that purpose.

At the time of the passage of the Act authorizing the coinage of the trade dollar, silver bullion was worth in London, about 59 $\frac{7}{10}$ pence per ounce British Standard, at which rate the bullion or intrinsic value of a trade dollar was 103 $\frac{47}{100}$ cents in gold. Fluctuations in the value of silver were not so wide, at that time, as in subsequent years, and taking the average value for the year 1873, the trade dollar was intrinsically worth 102 $\frac{7}{10}$ cents in gold.

This fact alone was sufficient to keep these coins effectually out of circulation, and insured their use for the purpose for which they were intended.

The Act, above mentioned, made them however, a legal tender, in sums not exceeding five dollars in any one payment, which limited their use in circulation. After the fall in the price of silver reduced their bullion value below their nominal value.

As the price of silver continued to fall rapidly, and trade dollars were being circulated to a considerable extent in the Pacific States, Congress by a Joint Resolution of July 22, 1876, abrogated the legal tender quality of the trade dollar. At this time, July 1876, silver had fallen to the lowest price on record, and the bullion value of a trade dollar was only 80 $\frac{7}{10}$ cents in gold. It afterwards rose rapidly, and in December of the same year the bullion value of that piece was 101 cents gold. Since that date the fluctuations in the value of silver bullion, and consequently of the trade dollar, ^{have} not been so great, and have been confined, within a range of 11 cents to the dollar.

Under the coinage act, which, authorized the coinage of trade dollars, these pieces were coined for depositories of silver bullion at the Mints, and, a charge imposed for coinage, at a rate not to exceed the actual cost to the Government, of manufacture. By this Act, any owner of silver bullion could have the same coined into trade dollars. They therefore were not issued or paid out by the Government in payment of obligations or exchanged for other money.

The standard silver dollar, and silver fractional coins are coined from silver bullion purchased by the Government for that purpose, and on its own account, and are not coined for depositories, differing in this respect from the trade dollar which was so coined.

It may be readily seen that whenever the price of silver fell to a point at which the bullion value of the trade dollar, added to the cost of coinage to the depositor, was less than its face or nominal value, it could be placed in circulation at a profit, by speculation,

to the extent of its legal tender.

The Joint Resolution repealing the legal tender of the trade dollar, also empowered the Secretary of the Treasury to limit its coinage to the actual export demand, but this was not sufficient to prevent depositors of silver for returns in these coins, diverting them from their true object, and placing them in circulation, and their coinage has since been entirely suspended by order of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Most of the pieces in circulation East of the Rocky Mountains have been coined, and placed in circulation since the passage of the Act repealing the legal tender of the trade dollar.

It cannot therefore be rightfully charged "that the Government has perpetrated a swindle on the people in putting the trade dollar out, as a dollar, and then marking it down to ninety cents," for the fact is that the Government has endeavored to keep the trade dollar in its lawful, and proper channel, and that from ignorance of the facts relative to this coin, parties have taken them in ordinary business transactions when they could have been lawfully refused.

At to day's London quotation for silver bullion 52 $\frac{3}{4}$ pence per ounce (British Standard) the lowest price for nearly two years, the trade dollar is worth as bullion 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per piece.

Very respectfully
P. E. Preston
Acting Director

M. A. Bonzano, Esq.,August 16th 1878Late Assayer in charge
New Orleans Mint

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting
Office of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary
Expense Account for the month of June, 1878

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Robert Taylor & Co.August 16th 187819th and Callowhill Sts. Phila

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 15th instant, relative
to making a partial shipment of crucibles to Helena
Assay Office.

It will not be necessary for you to do so but as soon
as you have the full number prepared forward them
in one shipment.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Phila.August 17th 1878

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your commu-
-nication of the 16th inst forwarding statement showing
the Movement of standard silver Dollars from March 10th
to August 10th inst.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Lazard FreresAugust 14th 1878

65 Pine St. New York

We will accept eighteen thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at Philadelphia Mint at the rate of one hundred fifteen and thirty six hundredths cents per fine ounce payable in silver dollars by draft in New York.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Hon. J. B. HawleyAugust 14th 1878

Acting Secretary Treasury

Sir:

At the request of Mrs. E. W. Burnett, a clerk in this Office I recommend that she be granted leave of absence for six days from the 15th instant without pay.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James PollockAugust 19th 1878

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant transmitting certificate of deposit for \$75,000, account of sale of gold material has been received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Sup't. Mint U. S.

Philada.

August 19th 1898

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase from Lazard Freres of eighteen thousand (18,000) ounces fine silver, deliverable, at your Mint.

You will please receive, and pay for the same, at the rate of 155 ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ cents per fine ounce, in standard silver dollars by draft on New York.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Lazard Freres

65 Pine St. New York

August 19th 1898

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant confirming your telegraphic acceptance of our offer of 155.36 cents per fine ounce for 18,000 ounces fine silver.

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint, at Philadelphia to receive, and pay for the same in standard silver dollars by draft on New York.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint

Carson Nevada.

August 19th 1898

The Secretary has called for statement of coinage. Your monthly reports and annual statements for last fiscal year, do not agree. Telegraph coinage of fractional silver by denominations for last fiscal year.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Telegram

Louis McLane
President Nevada Bank
San Francisco

August 19th 1878

Please state price per ounce fine, at which you will sell five hundred thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at Carson Mint, payable in Silver Dollars by draft on San Francisco.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint M. A.
Philadelphia

August 20th 1878

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs J. W. Seligman & Co. 150,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint. You will please receive and make payment for the same, at the rate of 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per ounce fine in standard silver dollars by draft on New York.

You are authorized to pay approximate value on delivery to such extent as you deem safe and proper.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

J. W. Seligman & Co. New York

August 20th 1878

Your offer to sell one hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver, at the rate of one hundred fifteen and a half cents per ^{fine} ounce, deliverable at Philadelphia is accepted. Payment to be made in silver dollars by draft on New York.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock

August 20 1878

Supt Mint, W. I.

Philadelphia

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs Handy, Loring & Co. 15,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint. You will please receive, and make payment for the same, at the rate of 115 1/2 cents per ounce fine, in standard silver dollars by draft on New York.

You are authorized to pay approximate value on delivery to such extent, as you deem safe and proper.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Assay Office

Aug. 20 1878

New York

State by wire price of eight sterling exchange to day

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Handy & Loring

August 20 1878

24 Nassau St. New York

Your offer to sell one hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver at the rate of one hundred fifteen and a half cents per ounce fine, deliverable at Philadelphia, is accepted. Payment to be made in silver dollars by draft on New York.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Informed

D. I.

If your silver is all in the form of assay office bars we will accept delivery at New York, and pay at the rate of 115 1/2 cents per fine ounce, but if a mixed lot we can accept delivery only at Philadelphia.

R. E. P.

Telegram

Nandy Fornise

August 20 1898

24 Nassau St. New York

Will, consider, an offer, at parity of London, quotation
to day to be, delivered at Philadelphia Mint.

P. E. Preston

(confirmed)

Acting Director

James Gayford, Esq.

August 20 1898

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson.

Sir:

I have received your telegram of yesterday
furnishing a corrected statement of the coinage of
fractional silver, at your Mint, during the last fiscal year.

The Secretary, called yesterday upon this Office to
furnish a statement showing the number of pieces struck,
and your official report, which was furnished him,
exhibited an excess of nearly forty per cent over the actual
number of pieces of fractional silver coined.

It is excessively embarrassing for this Office to be
obliged to recall statements furnished and substitute
correct ones therefor and reflects upon the character of
the Mint Service for reliability.

I have to request that in future you will take
such measures as to ensure the accuracy of all state-
ments which your Mint is called upon to furnish.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

J. J. Valentine, Superintendent

August 20 1898

Wells Fargo & Company San Francisco.

State by wire the lowest rate per thousand dollars
at which you will transport silver bullion from San
Francisco to Carson.

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Low, Ince & Co.
 Mason, Mich
 Gentlemen:

August 20th 1898

Your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint, at Philadelphia, requesting to be furnished with the value of foreign coins, has been referred for reply to this Office.

I enclose herewith Treasury Circular exhibiting the value of monetary units of foreign countries.

This circular is issued for the use of Customs officers in converting into our money terms the value of invoices that may be made out in foreign currencies, but is not intended to furnish the equivalent value of these coins for circulation.

It will give you the value, in U. S. gold, coin of the monetary units of those countries, where the standard is gold, but will not answer your purpose where the standard is silver alone.

Foreign coins are not a legal tender in the United States, and therefore have only an intrinsic value, or a value as bullion. The bullion value of a foreign gold coin does not change; 516 grains of gold 90 fine is worth \$20 whether in the form of foreign coin, bullion, or stamped, as a double eagle.

The bullion value of a foreign silver coin fluctuates with the price of silver bullion. In 1896, within a period of six months, the price of an ounce of silver 90 fine (U. S. Standard) ranged from 92 1/2 cents to 115 cents in gold.

It can be readily seen that it is impossible to furnish a table giving the bullion value of foreign silver coins, that would be correct for a longer time than the day on which it was prepared.

In the circular above referred to, where the foreign standard is silver, the value of the monetary unit is based upon the trade dollar estimated at \$1.00, but for the purpose only, before specified.

I enclose also, a circular relative to the value of the Mexican, and ^{the} Trade dollar, and furnishing the

bullion value of those pieces, at various rates for silver bullion.
At today's quotation ($52\frac{1}{2}$) the bullion value of the trade
dollar is 90.6 cents in gold.

Very respectfully
R. E. Paston
Acting Director

Now James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

August 21 1898

Sir:

We have purchased of Messrs Hardy & Formis 50,000 ounces
of fine silver for delivery at your Mint which you will please
receive and pay for, at the rate of 115 1/2 cents per ounce fine
in standard silver dollars by draft on New York.

You are authorized to pay approximate value on
delivery to such extent, as you deem safe, and for fire.

Very respectfully
R. E. Paston
Acting Director

N. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco

Aug. 21 1898

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th instant
covering a communication from your Melter and Refiner
relative to the Deposit Melting Receipts.

Upon the return of the Director your letter, with
enclosure, will be brought to his attention

Very respectfully
R. E. Paston
Acting Director

Telegram
Superintendent Mint
Quebec Canada.

August 21st 1895

State by wire, amount of silver dollars on hand.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

August 21st 1895

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
 New York City

Sir:

I will thank you to forward Vouchers in duplicate covering the compensation of Mr. Geo. S. Conner for the current month.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Chas. Rumley, Esq.

August 21st 1895

Assayer in charge
 Helena Assay Office

Sir:

Your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of July, 1895, has been received at this Office.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Louis Mc Lane

August 21st 1895

President, Nevada Bank
 San Francisco

Your offer being above the parity of the London rate is declined.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed.

Michael Kahu, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 New Orleans.

August 21 1898

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address the following
 blanks, viz:

25 Modified Cashes of Office.

45 Test Cashes.

20 Official Bonds for Clerks

40 Affidavits of Sureties

The payrolls for workmen will be forwarded
 when received from the printer.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

W. C. Kew, Esq.
 State Geologist
 Raleigh, N. C.

August 21 1898

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 19th instant, furnish-
 ing an estimate of the production of precious metals
 from the Mines of South Carolina, during the last fiscal
 year for which you will please accept the thanks of this
 Office.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Telegram

J. F. Low, Manager

August 21 1898

Anglo-Californian Bank, San Francisco

At what rate will you deliver one hundred
 thousand ounces fine silver, at the Carson Mint.

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to Bank of California, San Francisco

Black Bros. & Co.

August 21st 1898

54 Wall St. New York

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 19th instant, requesting to be informed if the Treasury Department is, at present buying silver, and what are the Mint charges on bullion of a character requiring parting or refining?

This Office is ready at all times to receive offers, either by mail or telegraph, for the sale of silver.

The Mint charges for parting and refining vary with the character of the bullion; by applying to Superintendent Acton of the Assay Office of your City, you will be furnished with the tariff of charges for all grades of bullion.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Handy & Bonise

August 21st 1898

24 Nassau St. New York

Your offer, accepted for fifty thousand ounces additional.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director

Hon. James Ballou

August 22nd 1898

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

We have this day purchased of Messrs. Handy & Bonise 50,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint which you will please receive, and pay for in Standard Silver Dollars by draft on New York, at the rate of 115 cts. per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philada.

August 22nd 1878

Sir:

I have to request that you will inform this Office what disposition is made of Indians recovered - if any, in refining Gold, at your Mint.

Very respectfully
W. E. Preston
Acting Director

Similar letter sent to
H. L. Dodge Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco

Jas. Grafford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Barren.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. Assay Office U. S.
New York

T. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

August 22nd 1878

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement your Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts for the month of July, 1878, - also your supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year, ended June 30, 1878.

Very respectfully
W. E. Preston
Acting Director

Suppl. Account

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 22, 1895

You are authorized to purchase of Daniel Meyer, twenty five thousand ounces dove silver, at the rate of five hundred fifteen and a half cents per fine ounce for silver, contained London quotation fifty two seven sixteenths, exchange four eighty nine.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Michael Nahou, Esq.

August 22, 1895

Supt. Mint N. O.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant enclosing requisition of the Coiner of your Mint for two Lining Presses, and one Hydraulic Press has been received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

W. B. Burnley, Esq.

August 22, 1895

Assayer in charge

Mint Assay Office.

Sir:

I return for correction your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ended June 30, 1895.

The additions on the Abstract Sheet appear to have been made without any reference to the figures embraced in them.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Chas. Rumley, Esq.
Assayer in charge
Helena Assay Office

August 22nd 1898

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill of Becker & Sons for an Assay Balance shipped you on the 14th inst.

The original has been referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for payment from your Contingent appropriation for the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Chas. Rumley, Esq.
Assayer in charge
Helena Assay Office

August 22nd 1898

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expenses Account for the month of July 1898.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Chas. Rumley, Esq.
Assayer in charge
Helena Assay Office

August 22nd 1898

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$1074.⁰⁰ from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879	\$ 480.20
Wages of Work men	"	344.25
Contingent Expenses	"	250

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston, Acting Director

First Auditor

August 22nd 1898

Treasurer

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the following
Accounts, viz:

Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the
Helena Assay Office for the month of July, 1898.

Ordinary and Refinery Accounts of the Superintendent of the
New York Assay Office for the month July 1898 - also supplemental
account of the same office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898.

Very respectfully

B. E. Preston

Acting Director

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.

August 22nd 1898

New Orleans Mint

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 19th inst. I enclose you forms
of Vouchers for traveling expenses.

You will please render your bill, in duplicate, accompanied
by the necessary Vouchers, and duly sworn to, and forward the
same to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

B. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Handy & Lornise

August 22nd 1898

24 Nassau Street N.Y.

Your offer of second fifty thousand ounces additional accepted.

B. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Telegram

J. T. Lott, Manager Anglo Bank
San Francisco

August 22nd 1898

Cannot consider offer for delivery at Carson in thirty days.

B. E. Preston

Acting Director

A. Perrie, Esq.

August 22nd 1895

Box 854. Paris, Ill.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst., addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, inquiring if trade dollars have been coined since 1894, has been referred to this Office.

The coinage of trade dollars was suspended in Oct. 1894, but was, afterwards, resumed at the Mints on the Pacific Coast, at the solicitation of parties who represented that they desired their silver coined into these pieces for export to China. It being subsequently ascertained that they were not exported, but contrary to law were placed in domestic circulation, the receipt of deposits at the Mints was stopped, and the coinage of trade dollars again suspended early in 1895.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Handy & Gorrie

August 20th 1895

24 Nassau St.

New York

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 21st instant requesting to be informed if we will continue to deduct $\frac{1}{4}$ % per annum from the parity of the London quotation?

I have to state that the exact parity was offered you, obtained from our official cable gram from London and our own advice of sterling exchange, and not from the quotation furnished by your dispatch.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Misses Pickens Ames
4 Murray Street
New York

August 22nd 1878

Gentlemen:

Your account for One Messey Balance No. 3, forwarded by Express on the 17th instant to the U. S. Messey Office, at Helena Montana, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business, a draft for the amount (\$76), will be sent you.

Very respectfully
B. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 23rd 1878

Sir:

I send you by today's mail forms for Estimate of Appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879 - also forms for Deficiency Estimates for the current fiscal year, which you will please fill out and forward in time to reach this Office by the 20th proximo.

It is the desire of this Office that the estimates shall bear much in detail as may be possible, specifying the different items of expense under the head of Contingent Expenses.

Very respectfully

B. E. Preston

Acting Director

Similar letter, addressed to.

W. L. Dodge Esq.

Supt. S. F. Mint.

James Crawford Esq.

Supt. Carson Mint

Thos. C. Nelson Esq.

Supt. N. Y. Messey Office

Michael Kahn Esq.

Supt. N. O. Mint

and

Norman Silver Esq.
Assayer, Denver Mint

Chas Rumley Esq
Assayer Helena Assay Office

A. Volkow, Esq
Assayer Boise Assay Office

L. J. Groves, Esq.
Assayer Charlotte Assay Office

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Phila.

August 23rd 1898

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause your bullion fund to be increased by the sum of \$200,000⁰⁰, by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

This increase is to enable you to pay for silver purchases.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Hon. Jas Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia

August 28th 1898

Sir:

I send you by current mail a supply of blank forms for minor coins redeemed, re-issued and exchanged.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

August 23^d 1878

Capt. W. S. Mint

San Francisco Cal.

Sir:

As this Office is constantly called upon by the Department for information, in regard to the Movement of Standard Silver Dollars, it is very desirable that the weekly statements which you have heretofore been requested to furnish, should be forwarded promptly, at the close of business each Saturday.

Your last statement received, was for the week ending August 2^d 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Similar letter addressed to

James Graceford Esq.

Capt. Garrison Mint

Chas Runley Esq.

August 23^d 1878

Assayer in charge

Nelsons Assay Office

Sir:

I forward by today's mail, requested in your requisition of the 13th inst, the following Hauls viz:

25 Requisition for funds

25 Salary Pay rolls

25 Official Postage Stamps used

25 Ordinary Expenses & Receipts

25 Statement of Prod. of Domestic Production.

25 Abstracts of Disbursements for Ordinary Expenses.

The books of Gold & Silver Mint Receipts will be forwarded when received from the printer.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

W. Silver, Esq.

August 23^d 1898

Assayer in Chief

Mint U. S. Denver.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction, statements of operations of your Mint for July last.

You will please observe that Statement No. 2, which is a detailed exhibit of the items "Gold of domestic production" and "Silver of domestic production," No. 1, does not agree with that Statement, as it should.

I have corrected in pencil for your information how these statements should be prepared. If "jewellers Bairs" are known to be the product of U. S. Mines they should not be made a separate item, but incorporated respectively in "Gold or silver of domestic production" in Statement No. 1.

If they appear as a separate item in that statement they cannot be included in the amounts in No. 2.

Silver contained in Gold deposits should appear under the head of Silver in Statement No. 1, as in No. 2, and the same with respect to gold in silver deposits.

Please return corrected Statements, observing also these instructions in future.

Your Statements for the last fiscal year have been corrected here.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Spaulding & Co.

August 23^d 1898

12 Pine St. New York

We will purchase thirteen thousand ounces silver offered by you at one hundred fifteen and thirty-eight hundredths cents per ounce fine deliverable at Philadelphia. Payment in Standard silver dollars by draft on New York.

P. E. Preston

Conformed

Acting Director

P. E.

The delay in answering your letter, was caused by your addressing it to the Superintendent of the Mint, at Philadelphia instead of this Office.

T. E. Preston.

A. Hollais, Esq.

August 23rd 1898

Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Crisis City, Idaho.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction Statements of operations of your Office for July last.

You will please observe, that Statement No. 2, which is a detailed exhibit of the items "Gold of domestic production", and "Silver of domestic production", in No. 1, does not agree with that Statement, as it should.

I have corrected in pencil, for your information, how these statements should be prepared.

Silver contained in Gold deposits should appear under the head Silver in Statement No. 1, as well as in No. 2, and the same with respect to gold in silver deposits.

In Statement No. 1, as rendered, you include, under the head of "U. S. Bullion, Gold of domestic production" \$111.32 of silver, and omit \$18.51 of Gold, and under the head of Silver you include the \$18.51 of gold and omit \$111.32 silver.

Please return corrected statements, observing also these instructions in future.

Your statements for the last fiscal year have been corrected in these particulars, by this Office.

Very respectfully

T. E. Preston

Acting Director

J. A. Johnston, Esq.
150 Broadway, New York

August 23rd 1898

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st instant, inquiring how many trade dollars can be sent you for fine bar silver 220 ⁷/₁₆ ounces.

The law provides that trade dollars shall be coined at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, and only for export.

Large amounts of silver having been deposited at the Mints for returns in trade dollars, under the representation that they were for export to China, and subsequently placed in circulation contrary to the spirit of the law, the coinage of these pieces was suspended by the Secretary of the Treasury.

I enclose herewith Treasury Circular relative to the value of Mexican, and trade dollars.

Very respectfully
D. E. Preston
Acting Director

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury

August 23rd 1898

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to be increased Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars to be placed to the credit of the Superintendent, with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully
D. E. Preston
Acting Director

Chas. E. Keller, Esq.
Shelbyville, Ill.

August 23rd 1898

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, inquiring if any premium is offered for coins issued 1854-1858, has been referred to this Office.

Cents of the coinage of the above years, are worth no more than their face value, and no premium has ever been offered for them. The cent enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
 P. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

J. Adams Smith
 Paymaster U. S. A.

August 23rd 1898

41 Broadway New York

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st instant relative to depositing balances of foreign coin, in some public depository, and have referred the same to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
 P. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Telegram

Nandy & Bonise
 24 Nassau St. New York

August 24th 1898

Will purchase silver coin offered by you, at the rate of one hundred and fifteen cents per ounce fine provided not less than ten thousand ounces, deliverable at Philadelphia.

P. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Confirmed

Com. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

August 24th 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23rd instant, enclosing statement of money received from the Assays for miscellaneous assays for the month of July last, amounting to \$1000, also Certificate of Deposit of the Assistant Treasurers at Philadelphia, for the same.

Very respectfully
 P. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 24th 1878

Please state by wire, at close of business today, your total coinage of silver dollars to date, and the amount of such coin actually on hand.

P. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director

Similar telegram to
James Crawford
Supt. Carson Mint

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
Carson Nev.

August 24th 1878

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant transmitting detailed statement of 500.345.73 ounces of silver purchased from the Nevada Bank, at 105 per cent per ounce fine has been received.

Very respectfully
 P. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Michael Nahon, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans

August 24th 1878

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$4500. - from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879	\$ 1200. -
Wages of Workmen	"	3000. -
Contingent Expenses	"	500. -

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Michael Nahon, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans

August 24th 1878

Sir:

The official Bond of W^m A. Mass, Cashier of your Mint, has been approved, and filed in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

C. J. Coates, Esq.
Assayer in charge.
Charlotte assay Office.

August 24th 1878

Sir:

The official Bond of Geo. B. Hanna, Clerk, at your office, has been approved, and filed in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

H. Selow, Esq.

August 24 1898

Assay M. S. Mint
Denver.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate invoice of A. S. Tomkinson for Seven Dozen Blown Assay Bottles forwarded to your Mint in the 20th instant.

The account of Mr. Tomkinson has been approved and referred to the accounting office for settlement, payment of the amount (\$8.65) to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

A. S. Tomkinson, Esq.

August 24 1898

428 Arch Street
Philadelphia

Sir:

Your account "Blown Assay Bottles," for the Mint of the U. S. at Denver, Colorado, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement and in due course of business a draft for the amount (\$8.65) will be remitted you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 26th 1898

You are hereby authorized to grant the leave necessary, of absence, with allowance of traveling expenses to visit Philadelphia Mint.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Hon. James Pollock
 Sup't. Mint. U.S.
 Philadelphia

August 26th 1878

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that the statement showing the movements of standard silver dollars sent to you, be rendered weekly to this Office be made, daily hereafter.

Very respectfully,
 P. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia

August 26th 1878

Sir:

Please forward, a voucher, in duplicate, covering the compensation of E. K. Jones, Deposit Master, at the New Orleans Mint, detailed for instruction at your Mint, for the month of August at the rate of \$4.00 per diem from the 16th inst.

Very respectfully,
 P. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. Mint. U.S.
 Philadelphia

August 26th 1878

Sir:

We have purchased of Naudy & Coise from 10000 to 15000 ounces foreign coin (silver 900 fine), which you will receive, and pay for, at the rate of one hundred and fifteen (115) cents per ounce fine, provided the coin appears to be of about the fineness specified and exceeding in weight 10,000 ounces.

Payment by draft on New York, in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
 P. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

August 26th 1898

Please forward statement showing movement of silver dollars from August third, and hereafter daily, statement of same.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Similar telegram to

Superintendent Mint

Carson, Nevada.

H. D. Dodge, Esq.

August 26th 1898

Supt. Mint U.S.

San Francisco

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant transmitting certificate of deposit for \$20,721.30, on account of Refinery Earnings for the month of July has been received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Michael Hahn, Esq.

August 26th 1898

Supt. New Orleans Mint

Sir:

I return herewith the payroll of Workmen at your Mint for the month of July, 1898, for the approval of the operative officers; also the payroll of officers and clerks that the salary of Samuel Weeks may be inserted, also the "at current."

It will be necessary for you to furnish a voucher for petty bill for postage stamps.

I return voucher No. 9. bill of the Western Union Telegraph Co that the number of words of each message may be inserted.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

August 26, 1878

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant transmitting statement of silver purchased for the week ending July 31 has been received.

Very respectfully
P. E. Preston
Acting Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco

August 26, 1878

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant enclosing certificate of deposit for \$56.52 on account of alloy charges for the month of July has been received.

Very respectfully
P. E. Preston
Acting Director

Laidlaw & Co.
12 Pine St. New York

August 26, 1878

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant offering to sell 50,000 ounces of silver bullion at 1.16 per ounce fine deliverable at the Mint at Philadelphia, within thirty days.

This Office does not entertain offers of silver except it be for immediate delivery.

The delay in replying to your letter was caused by your addressing it to the Mint at Philadelphia instead of to this Office.

Very respectfully
P. E. Preston
Acting Director

N. Volkmus, Esq.August 26th 1898

Assaymaster in charge

Coin Assay Office

Sir:

The official Bond of Robt. Hauschildt, Clerk of your Office, has been approved and filed in the Office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

L. A. Conquard, Esq.August 26th 1898

124 North Third St.

St. Louis Mo.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th instant, requesting to be informed, at what rate on the dollar, does the Government take Mexican dollars for coinage into standard dollars, and also, what will 100 Mexican dollars net you in U. S. dollars?

The Government does not receive Mexican dollars, as coin, at any fixed rate per piece, but purchases them as silver bullion by weight, and fineness, ascertained by assay, and in accordance with the terms embraced in the enclosed Circular, which will also give you the bullion value of a Mexican dollar, at various quotations for silver bullion. At our latest quotation 52 3/4 pence, a Mexican dollar is worth, about 90 7/8 cents.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Dr. V. A. MackAugust 26th 1878

Pittsfield N. H.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22nd instant, inquiring if you can get Mexican or Canadian Money, coined into silver.

The United States fractional silver coins, are coined only on Government account from silver purchased for that purpose.

You can sell your foreign coin to the Government on the terms furnished by the enclosed circular.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

N. A. Pallister, Esq.August 26th 1878

Washington, Ill.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th instant relative to the legal tender of the dollar of Mexico, Peru, and Central America.

Section 3584, U. S. Revised Statutes, declares that "no foreign gold or silver coins shall be a legal tender in the payment of debts."

The coins you refer to, therefore, are not legal tenders and may be lawfully refused. Parties who take them at more than their value, as silver bullion, do so at their own risk.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

August 24th 1878

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 26th instant, I send you by current mail, a further supply of Treasury Circular relative to the value of the Mexican and trade Dollar.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Hon. W. L. Dodge
 Supt. Mint U. S.
 San Francisco

August 24th 1878

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant enclosing statement of Condition of Bullion Fund of your Mint on the 31st ultimo has been received.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Jos. B. Walker Esq.
 231 11th Street.
 Louisville Ky.

August 24th 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th inst, requesting a return of all papers covering your application for a position in the Mint, at New Orleans, and have instructed the Superintendent of that Mint - to whom your application was referred - to comply with your request.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Ingles Stuart Esq.

August 24th 1878

37 W. 42^d St. New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th instant relative to procuring specimen pieces of the silver coinage.

You can obtain the coins you desire by applying to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, and in accordance with the terms of the enclosed circular.

The coinage of the twenty cent pieces since June 30, 1877 amounted to \$42⁰⁰

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

August 28th 1878

Sir:

This will be handed you by Mr. John Christian Schutze who has recently been appointed to the position of Deputy Clerk in the New Orleans Mint, and who, at the request of the Superintendent of that Mint, has been detailed for duty at your institution to familiarize himself with the duties of the position which he is to occupy.

These duties will correspond to those performed by Mr. Jones the Abstract Clerk of your Mint, and I will thank you to place him under the supervision of Mr. Jones with instructions to afford him such information as he requires.

He will be governed by the regulations of your Mint the same as any of your employees.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

August 28th 1878

Sir:

Please inform the employees of the New Orleans Mint detailed for instruction, at your Mint, whose Vouchers for compensation for the present month were forwarded by you, that their Vcs will be referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for payment on the 31st inst. and draft for the amount of their respective bills, will reach them early in September.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

August 28th 1878

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday in relation to your draft for Refinery Expenses for the current month. I have to say that your Requisition, appears to have been mislaid or lost, after leaving this office.

I have prepared another requisition for the same amount, and will endeavor to have a draft mailed you today or tomorrow.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Telegram

Mandy Ogden

August 28th 1878

24 Nassau St. New York

Will purchase one hundred thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at Philadelphia's payment, as usual, at the rate of one hundred fourteen, and eighty five hundredths cents per ounce fine. Our London quotation fifty two, quarter. Offer good for to-day only.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston. Acting Director

Telegram

Haudy & ForriseAugust 28th 1898

20 Nassau St. New York

Cannot exceed the parity at our quotation of four eighty eight for eight exchange.

T. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

S. J. Holley, Esq.August 28th 1898

Argos, Marshall Co. Ind.

Sir:

I have received your postal card of the 26th instant requesting to be informed if Mexican and Trade Dollars are a legal tender, and if not, why not?

Mexican dollars, are not a legal tender by virtue of Section 3584 U.S. Revised Statutes, which declares that "No foreign gold or silver coins shall be a legal tender in payment of debts."

Trade dollars, are not a legal tender, by Joint Resolution of Congress, approved July 22^d 1896. "Section 2. That the trade dollar shall not hereafter be a legal tender, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to limit from time to time, the coinage thereof to such an amount as he may deem sufficient to meet the export demand for the same."

Very respectfully

T. E. Preston

Acting Director

Rev. James PollockAugust 29th 1898

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir:

I send by to day's mail, to you, address four book of blank "Minor coinage redemption certificates."

Very respectfully

T. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint Bk.
 Philadelphia

August 29th 1878

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase for delivery at your Mint of 100,000 ounces fine silver from Messrs Handy & Lomise which you will please receive, and pay for in standard silver dollars by draft on New York, at the rate of 114⁵⁰/₁₀₀ cents per ounce fine.

You are authorized to pay approximate value on delivery to such extent, as you deem safe and proper.

Very respectfully

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint Bk.
 Philad.

August 29th 1878

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase for delivery at your Mint of one hundred thousand ounces fine silver from Messrs J. W. Seligman & Co. which you will please receive, and pay for in standard silver dollars by draft on New York, at the rate of one hundred, fourteen, and eighty five hundredths (114.85) cents per ounce fine.

You are authorized to pay the approximate value to such extent, as you may deem safe and proper.

Very respectfully

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.
 117 Wall St. New York
 Your offer accepted.

August 29th 1878

D. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

August 29th 1898

Sir:

I send you by to days mail, a supply of blank
 pay rolls for workmen.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Similar letter, addressed to
Jas. Garford, Esq.
Supt. Carson Mint

Michael Kahn Esq
Supt. New Orleans Mint

Telegram

Superintendent Mint

August 29th 1898

San Francisco

Consult Thos. Holt, Government Superintendent of low-
 struction in regard to placing tanks on roof. If in his
 opinion it can be done, with safety you are authorized
 to do so. The tanks should be distributed over the roof so
 that the pressure will not be all at one point. The cost
 of tanks, and connecting pipes, can be paid from appro-
 priation for painting and refining. Set Holt's opinion
 in writing.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Telegram

Nandy & Forcise

August 29th 1898

24 Nassau St. New York

Our offer of yesterday good for today.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Telegram

J. W. Seligman & Co. New York

August 29th 1898

Your offer accepted, deliverable at Philadelphia
 Mint. Payment, as usual.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed

Thos. C. Sutton, Esq.

August 29th 1878

Supt. Assay Office, U. S.
New York

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase for delivery at your Office, of fifty thousand ounces fine silver - U. S. Assay Office bars - from Messrs Jas. B. Colgate & Co. which you will receive, and pay for, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of one hundred, fourteen and a half cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully
P. E. Preston
Acting Director

Michael Walsh, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

August 29th 1878

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 26th inst. in relation to form of Cash of Office, I would say, that the form of modified Cash sent you, does not suit you, you can use the rounded cash by striking out the objectionable portion.

We are having some modified Cashes printed and a supply will be sent you when they are finished.

Very respectfully
P. E. Preston
Acting Director

Telegram

James B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St. New York

August 30th 1878

Will purchase twenty five thousand ounces U. S. Assay Office fine silver, deliverable at New York, at the rate of one hundred, fourteen and three tenths cents per ounce fine. Offer good for to-day only.

P. E. Preston

Continued

Acting Director

W. L. Dodge Esq.
 Supt. Mint U. S.
 San Francisco

Aug. 30th 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 22nd instant transmitting Assayer's report on special test coins of the coinage of the Mint at Carson, during July, 1878.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
 San Francisco

August 30th 1878

You are authorized to purchase from the Bank of California and Anglo-Californian two hundred, and fifty thousand ounces, fine silver, at the rate of one hundred fourteen and seventeenth cents per fine ounce of silver, contained silver to pay parting charges, payment as usual.

P. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Thos. L. Eaton Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office
 New York

August 30th 1878

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase from Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co. of 25,000 ounces fine silver for delivery at your Office, which you will please receive, and pay for in stand. and silver dollars, at the rate of 114 ³/₁₀ cents per ounce fine.

It is understood, that this silver is in the form of fine bars, manufactured, at your Office.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Thos. G. Aston, Esq.

August 30th 1898

Supt. N.Y. Mesay Office
Sir:

I have to request that you will call the attention of the proper party to the fact that this Office was not furnished with the London opening quotation for silver bullion on the 29th instant. Difference - a decline of 1/8 penny from the closing quotation on the 28th; but only the closing quotation, 52 1/4, was transmitted to this office.

The understanding is that we shall be furnished with all changes in these quotations.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Michael Hahn, Esq.

August 30th 1898

Supt. N.Y. Mint
New Orleans

Sir:

I have examined your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of June, 1898, and referred the same to the Accounting Officers of the Department for settlement.

Referring to Voucher No. 67, of the Account I have to request that you will furnish ^{me} with an itemized bill giving the number of words of each message.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Michael Hahn, Esq.

August 20. 1878

Sup't. U. S. Mint

New Orleans

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 26^{inst}. in relation to the purchase of a Guise Roll Machine, also yours of the 27^{th inst}. in relation to the purchase of rollers, both of which will receive attention.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

First Auditor

August 20. 1878

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month of June 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

A. F. McCoon, Esq.

August 20. 1878

Asst. Cashier Natl. Bank.

Pomerooy, O.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th instant requesting to be informed to be informed of the regulations for the redemption of minor coins.

Therewith transmit Treasury Department circular in relation to the purchase, exchange, and redemption of the minor coins of the United States.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Jas. Spruance Jr. Esq.,

August 30, 1898

Acting Chief Bureau of Statistics

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish this Office with a Statement showing by months the movements of specie into and from the United States, during the period from October 1897 to June 1898 both inclusive. We are already in possession of the statements for the first three months of the last fiscal year.

I will be glad if the statements can exhibit the movements at "New York", "San Francisco", and "all other ports" separately.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

James E. Main Esq.,

August 30, 1898

Mechanics, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your postal card of the 29th instant requesting to be informed of the number of grams in a gold dollar, and its value as bullion.

A gold dollar weighs 25.8 grains of which $\frac{7}{16}$ or 23.32 ^{are fine gold and $\frac{1}{16}$ or 2.48} grains of copper alloy. The bullion value of this amount of gold is one dollar, the value of gold being the same in either coin or bullion.

I enclose a "general statement of the currency" as requested.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

M. S. Smailley, Cashier
Trust Co. Bank,
Galveston, Ill.

August 30, 1898

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 26th instant requesting to be informed whether you can have fractional silver coin re-coined into standard silver dollars.

There is no provision of law for the redemption or re-coining into coins of other denomination, of the fractional silver coin. Standard silver dollars are not coined for depositors of bullion at the Mints, but only on Government account from silver purchased for that purpose.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Nandy Fornise

August 30, 1898

21 Nassau St. New York

From our renewal of offer yesterday and your acceptance received four twenty P.M. we considered the transaction closed at one fourteen eighty five and notified Superintendent at Philadelphia to receive the silver.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Telegram

Lazard Freres

August 31, 1898

65 Pine St. New York

Will purchase twenty-two thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at the Philadelphia at the rate of one hundred fourteen and six-tenth cents per ounce fine. Payment in silver dollars by draft on New York. Offer good for ten days only.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Mr. James Talbot
Supt. Mint, Phila.
 Sir:

August 31st 1898

The Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver has been instructed to transmit by Express to your Mint a "change bar" of the value of \$1,261⁴⁰ which you will convert into coin of the following amounts and denominations, and transmit the same to that Mint, viz:

800 pieces \$1 each Gold \$800.

400 " .50 " Silver 200.

800 " .25 " " 200

and the balance in coins.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York
 Sir:

August 31st 1898

I will thank you to transmit to this Office as early as practicable statement showing amount of silver delivered by Messrs. Kandy & Fornise, J. M. Seligman & Co. and J. B. Leake & Co. respectively in sale made by them under date of August 6th 1898 for delivery at your Office at the rate of 115 1/2 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

Superintendent-Mint
San Francisco.

August 31st 1898

Please state by wire, close of business today, approximate amount of silver bullion on hand, also amount of silver ^{dollars} actually on hand.

Similar telegram sent to
James Crawford, Supt. Carson Mint.

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director

H. Silver Eng.

August 21st 1878Assayer in Chg Mint
Denver.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 26th instant relative to conversion of "Change bar" into coin, and have this day instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to receive the same, and transmit the following denominations of coin to your Mint.

800 dollar pieces	gold	\$800.
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400 half "	"	Silver	200.
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800 quarter "	"	"	200.
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and the balance in specie.

Very respectfully

C. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock

Sept. 2nd 1878Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad. Penn

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase of Messrs. Legard & Bros on the 31st ultimo, of \$200 thousand, ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint.

You will please receive, and pay for the same in standard silver dollars by draft on New York, at the rate of 114⁶/₁₀ cents per oz. fine.

Very respectfully

C. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James PollockSeptember 2nd 1898Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your Ordinary Expenses, - Abstracts, and Vouchers, -
for the month of July, 1898, have been received, at this Office.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Henry L. Dodge, Esq.Sept. 2nd 1898Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

On the second of April last you were authorized by
telegraph to accept one hundred thousand ounces fine
silver offered by the Knights of the Kingdom Banking Company at the
rate of one hundred and twenty, and one fifth, cents
(120¹/₅) per oz. fine.

We have no record of the quantity of silver delivered
by said Company on this sale.

I will thank you to forward a statement of the
amount delivered.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.September 2nd 1898Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copies of letters from the
Solicitor and Secretary of the Treasury relative to the Bond offered by
Mr. Lycott, the Corer of your Mint, and forwarded on the 17th ultimo.

I shall the Bond, subject to your further wishes.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Geo. Crawford, Esq.,

Supt. Mint U. S. Canon

Sept. 2nd 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th ultimo, transmitting a detailed statement of the annual settlement of the accounts of the Operative Officers.

Very respectfully

S. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Thos. W. Acton, Esq.,

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York

September 2nd 1878

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Bond of Wm. H. Nicholson, Assistant in the Assay Department of your Mint, executed, in the sum of \$5,000—, and bearing date of June, 24th 1878.

Very respectfully

S. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Andrew R. Smith, Esq.,

St. Louis, Mo.

Sept. 2nd 1878

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 29th ultimo, relative to a position for your son, in the Mint.

The Director is now absent from the city, but upon his return, which will be in, from a week to ten days, your letter will be brought to his attention.

Very respectfully

S. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint
New Orleans.

Sept. 2nd 1898

Draft mailed to day. You should make your requisitions for funds in time to reach here by the fifteenth of each month.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

September 2nd 1898

I have the honor to transmit herewith the contract entered into between H. L. Dodge, Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint, and Messrs Judson and Shepard for supplying that Mint with acids for refining purposes during the period commencing September 2nd 1898, and ending September 2nd 1899, at the following prices, viz:

Nitric Acid (38° Baumé) at 6 cents per lb.

Sulphuric Acid (63° Baumé) at 1st " " "

As these gentlemen were the lowest bidders I recommend that the contract be approved. I also transmit Bond offered by Messrs Judson and Shepard for the faithful performance of the contract.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

W. C. Wright, Esq.
"Bulletin"

Sept. 2nd 1898

San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith statement of the forage at the Philadelphia Mint for the month of August, 1898.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Jno. S. Dyer Esq.
1338 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia

Sept. 2nd 1878

Sir:

I transmit herewith statement of the coinage executed at the Mints U.S. during the month of August 1878.

Very respectfully
W. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

Sept. 3rd 1878

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$4,500 payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1879	\$ 3,500
Wages of Workmen	"	25,000
Contingent Expenses	"	6,000

Very respectfully
W. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad^a Penna.

Sept. 3rd 1878

Sir:

Your letter of the second inst. transmitting statement of minor coins redeemed, re-issued and exchanged, and statement of minor coinage operations during the month of August have been received. Also your letter transmitting synopsis of Engineer's log for the month of August last.

Very respectfully
W. E. Preston

Acting Director

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

Sept. 3rd 1878

You are authorized to grant statley leave with pay for September.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco

Sept. 3rd 1878

Five hundred thousand standard silver dollars will be placed to your credit, with Assistant Treasurer by wire to day.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Jas. Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 3rd 1878

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$5,000 payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1879	\$2,000
Wages of Workmen	"	9,000
Contingent Expenses	"	4,000

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.Sept. 3rd 1895Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the second inst., transmitting statement of fine silver purchases from August 7th to August 20th 1895 has been received.

Respectfully
A. E. Preston
Acting Director.

C. J. Lovelace, Esq.Sept. 3rd 1895

Assayer &c. Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$225.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office for the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	1879	\$ 203.80
Contingent Expenses.	"	25.00

Very respectfully
A. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. John ShermanSeptem 3rd 1895

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Stipendiary of said mint with the Assistant Treasurers of the U.S. at San Francisco, by telegraph.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully &c
A. E. Preston

Acting Director.

F. A. Stoddard, Esq.

September 3rd 1878

Third Natl Bank of St. Louis.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Treasurer U. S., requesting a copy of the latest Act concerning the coinage of gold and silver showing to what extent the fractional silver coin may be used as "legal tender", has been referred to this Office.

Section 3556. Revised Statutes U. S., declares that "The silver coin of the United States shall be a legal tender, at their nominal value for any amount not exceeding five dollars in any one payment."

This section of law, applies only to the fractional silver coin, as by subsequent legislation. Joint Resolution of Congress, approved July 25th 1876, the legal tender quality of the trade dollar, was repealed, and it only had therefore a value as bullion, nor does it apply to the standard silver dollar which is a legal tender to any amount by Act of July 28th 1878, a copy of which is herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

W. H. Taylor, Esq.

September 3rd 1878

Harrisburg, Pa.

Sir:

So much of your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the Treasurer U. S., as requests to be furnished with a copy of the Act authorizing the coinage of the trade dollar, has been referred to this Office.

I transmit by current mail, a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1873, containing a copy of the Coinage Act of 1873, which authorized the coinage of the Trade Dollar.

The legal tender quality of this coin was subsequently repealed by Joint Resolution of Congress,

Approved July 22, 1896.

Having no legal tender, the depreciation in the value of the trade dollar is due solely to the depreciation in the value of silver. It was never coined, on Government account nor issued in payment of dues, but was coined for depositors of silver at the Mints, for the purpose of export to China.

At the time of the authorization of this coin, 420 grains of standard silver bullion was worth, at about 103½ cents in gold, but when the price of silver fell to a point at which 420 grains, added to the cost of coinage, was worth less than a legal tender dollar note, speculators could divert this coin from the purpose for which it was intended, and place it in domestic circulation, at a profit varying with the price paid for their bullion.

The Government has endeavored to keep trade dollars out of circulation, and their coinage has been entirely discontinued. The misfortune is, that advantage has been taken by speculators of those parties, who, not aware of the law relative to trade dollars, took them, at their nominal value.

Very respectfully

B. C. Weston

Acting Director.

Sept 3, 1896

In conformity with section 3526, and 3527 Rev. Stat., and with the first section of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and restoring its legal tender character, passed February 28, 1895, it is hereby ordered, and directed that the Superintendent of the Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, Carson and New Orleans, will, upon the receipt of a written request of the Treasurer of the U. S. for and by Express, standard silver dollars in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, or any multiple thereof, to such party or parties, as he may designate.

The expense of transportation to be paid by the Mint from the silver profit fund.

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Shipments will, however, be made only to points reached through established express lines.

P. E. Preston
Acting Director

Approved

John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad. Penna.

Sept. 11. 1898

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, Regulation adopted by this Office, and, approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, to facilitate the distribution of standard silver dollars; by which you will be governed.

Very respectfully
P. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson Nev.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint N.Y.
Philada.

Sept. 11. 1898

Sir:

We have purchased for delivery, at your Mint, the following amount of fine silver, viz:

100,000 ounces from J. W. Seligman & Co

100,000 ounces from Hendy & Sonies

You will please receive the above amounts of silver and pay for the same in standard silver dollars by draft on New York, at the rate of one hundred, fourteen, and fifty eight hundredths

(114.85) cents per ounce fine.

You are authorized to make, approximate payment, pending melt and assay, to such extent, as you may deem safe and proper.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Sept. 4. 1898

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of five hundred dollars in coin, payable from the appropriation for Purchasing and Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Sept. 4. 1898

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3^d instant transmitting statement of Domestic Silver Purchases, during the month of August, 1898 has been received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

Sept. 11 1898

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$2,100 - payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1897	\$2,100
Wages of Workmen	"	23,000
Contingent Expenses	"	7,000

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Sup't. Mint U. S.
 San Francisco

Sept. 11 1898

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in your favor for the sum of ten thousand dollars in coin, payable from the appropriation for Minting and Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 11 1898

You are authorized to purchase from Daniel Meyer thirty thousand ounces, more silver at the rate of one hundred, fourteen, and fifty-eight hundredths cents per ounce of fine silver contained. Seller to pay parting charges.

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Sept. 4th 1878

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:
Your letter of the 26th ultimo, transmitting certificate of deposit for \$3,045⁷⁵/₁₀₀ being unexpended balance of funds advanced you on account of Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, has been received.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Geo. Bradford Esq.

Sept. 4th 1878

Supt. Mint U. S.

Carson.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 28th ultimo, transmitting the State Controller's report of the value product of the State of Nevada for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1878.

Please convey to Mr. Hobart the thanks of this Office for the complete manner in which he has furnished the statement, and the promptness with which he has complied with the request of the Director.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 4th 1878

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd instant, transmitting statement of fine silver purchased from August 30th to September 2nd 1878 has been received.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Telegram

J. W. Seligman & Co.
New YorkSept. 4th 1878Your offer, accepted, deliverable, at Philadelphia
P. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director

Similar telegram sent to

Handy & Formis

24 Nassau St. New York.

S. S. Lichtenstein & SonsSept. 4th 1878

Richmond, Va.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 3rd instant, requesting to be informed what price per ounce maybe obtained at the Mint at Philadelphia for refined silver, has been forwarded by the Superintendent of that Mint, to this Office.

If the amount is less than ten thousand ounces it will be purchased by the Superintendent of the Mint to which it is sent, at one half cent per fine ounce less than the equivalent of the London rate for silver bullion on the day of purchase. Payment for silver so purchased is made in standard silver dollars.

If the amount is over ten thousand ounces an offer for sale must be made to this Office, in accordance with the terms of the enclosed circular.

Very respectfully

P. E. Preston

Acting Director

Caleb Whipple, Esq.

Sept. 4. 1898

Bertrand, Mich.

Sir:

Your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to the Treasurer U. S., requesting information relative to, an enclosed coin, has been referred to this office.

The coin is a Colonial half-penny coined by Connecticut prior to the establishment of a National Mint and adoption of a National money system.

The piece is herewith returned.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Messrs. Handy & BrownSept. 5th 1898

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

In reply to the closing paragraph of your letter of the 4th inst. relative to the purchase of 100,000 ounces fine silver from you on the same date, I have to state for your information that in making purchases of silver we take nothing into consideration but the London price and the rate of sterling exchange.

This purchase was made on the basis of our quotation 52 $\frac{7}{8}$ pence and Exchange 4.88, the parity being 114.58 cents the price paid.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

Messrs. Peter & Deisher

Sept. 5th 1898.

Pottsville, Pa.

Gentlemen;

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. requesting to be informed whether the mint at Philadelphia is authorized to exchange the standard dollar of 412 $\frac{1}{2}$ grains, for the trade dollar of 420 grains. There is no provision of law for exchanging United States legal tender coins for the trade dollar.

The trade dollar is not a legal tender the Government never had any interest or derived any profit from their coinage or issue, they were not intended for domestic circulation as money, but were coined for owners of silver bullion who paid the expense of coinage, for export to China.

They have been purchased and placed in circulation by speculators, who could derive a profit from the fact, that the appreciation in the value of United States notes and the decline in the value of silver has made a trade dollar of less value than a U. S. dollar "greenback".

The Government has endeavored by all lawful measures to prevent the domestic circulation of trade dollars.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director

Major J. J. Dana

Sept. 5th 1878.

Quartermaster U. S. A.
Philad^a Penn.

Sir:

I have this day requested Messrs. W. Trotter & Co. to deliver to you Ten Tons best Schleich Rines for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. I will thank you to forward the same as early as practicable. The account for freight etc. will be transmitted in the usual manner for settlement.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

C. Schaefer, Jr.

Sept. 5th 1878.

Cash's Real Estate Loan & Trust Co. }
Allegheny, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. relative to the redemption of 5 & 3 & minor coins, and the sale of Mexican and trade dollars.

I transmit herewith Circulars relative to the redemption of minor coins and also to the value of the Mexican and trade dollar.

Silver is quoted today from London at 52 pence, the lowest point touched for nearly ten years.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.Sept. 5th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of *5000. payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Office for the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	-	-	1849	-	-	*2,700.
Wages of Workmen	-	"	-	-	-	1,200.
Contingent Expence	-	"	-	-	-	600.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Messrs. Nathan Trotter & Co.Sept. 5th 1878.

36 N. Front st.

Philad^a Penna.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to deliver as early as practicable to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster U. S. A. in your City Ten Tons best Schlegel Pine for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal.

We depend upon you to furnish this Pine at the lowest market rates.

You will please take Quartermaster Dana's receipt in duplicate and transmit the same with your account to this Office for settlement.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Messrs. Lazard FreresSept. 5th 1898.

65 Pine St. N.Y. City.

Gentlemen;

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. offering to purchase one or several million ozs. fine silver in Europe, I have to state that at present the domestic production - nearly all of which we procure, is ample to meet our requirements;

Therefore we respectfully decline to make any offer for silver to be purchased abroad at present.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Telegram.

Lazard FreresSept. 5th 1898.

65 Pine St. New York.

Will purchase ten thousand ounces fine silver at the rate of one hundred fourteen and thirty hundredths cents per fine ounce deliverable at the Philadelphia Mint. Payment by draft on New York.

Offer good for today only.

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Sept. MintSept. 5th 1898.San Francisco.

Please forward statement of silver purchased in August as early as practicable.

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Confirmed.

Henry S. Dodge Esq.Sept. 5th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

In compliance with your request as per telegram of the 4th inst. I have this day ordered Ten ———— Sons best Schieghs Zinc from Messrs. W. Trotter & Co. to be shipped to your mint through Major J. J. Danas, Quartermaster U. S. A.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 5th 1878.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

We have purchased from Lazard Freres ten thousand ounces of fine silver for delivery at your mint, which you will please receive and pay for in standard silver dollars by draft on New York, at the rate of one hundred fourteen and thirty hundredths cents (114.30) per ounce finer.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 5th 1878.

Supt. Mint. Phila.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. transmitting certificate of deposit for \$364.82 on account of parting and refining bullion, has been received.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sept. 4. S. Mint
Phil^a.

Sept. 5th 1898.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. in regard to the Draft of the Employees of the New Orleans Mint, now on duty at your Mint, I have to state that the names will be transmitted today by the Treasurer.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sept. Mint, Phil^a.

Sept. 5th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the inst. transmitting statement of Meltere Refiner's Copper Alloy account for the second quarter, 1898.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 6th 1898.

You are authorized to purchase from Edward Partridge doris bullion sufficient to yield thirteen thousand ounces fine silver at the rate of one hundred -fourteen and three tenth cents per ounce of fine silver contained. Seller paying parting charges.

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Confirmed.

H. L. Dodge Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco

Sept. 6th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate vouchers of Wm. J. Crawford for hauling zincs at Philadel^a from public stores to Depot amounting to \$11.25

The $\frac{1}{2}$ of Mr. Crawford has been approved and referred to the Accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made from appⁿ for Parting & Refining Bullion at your Mint.

Respectfully
 R. C. Preston
 Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.
 Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sept. 6th 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ult. transmitting statements of standard silver dollars movement for the three weeks ending August 24th 1878.

Very respectfully
 R. C. Preston
 Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson.

Sept. 6th 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ult. transmitting statements of standard silver dollars movement for the weeks ending August 10th, 17th, & 24th 1878.

Very respectfully
 R. C. Preston
 Actg Director.

Gen. Jas. Pollock

Sept. 6th 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I have referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, the bill of Chas. Loring for \$426 $\frac{38}{100}$ for supplies furnished the Melter & Refiners Dept. of your Mint in June last, the same to be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1878. You will notify Mr. Loring that in due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted to him.

Very respectfully
R. E. Croston
Act'g Director.

Herman Silver, Belg.

Sept. 6th 1878.

Assayer in Chg.

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement an account amounting to \$2 $\frac{44}{100}$ of W^m J. Crawford for hauling Nit. of Potash and Sand Crucibles from the public stores in Philad^a to the Depot by order of Quartermaster Dana. Payment of this account is to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Croston
Act'g Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Phil.^a

Sept. 6th. 1878.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and transmitted to this Office, a statement in the form of the one on p.p. 33-34 of the Director's report for 1877, showing the Coinage and Medal dies manufactured at your Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Oreston

Actg Director.

Messrs. Lazard Freres
65 Pine St. New York.

Sept. 7th. 1878.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 6th inst. offering to purchase in the European market, two million ounces fine silver for this Government.

In my letter of the 5th inst. I did not intend to convey the idea that we did not wish to purchase foreign silver but I desired to say that the domestic supply was sufficient for our operations without resorting to the European market.

We are indifferent as to where the silver comes from, but cannot at present give orders for future delivery.

We are always open to receive offers of silver for immediate delivery at the Mint at Philadelphia at the equivalent of the London rate for silver bullion and current sterling exchange on the day of purchase.

Very respectfully

R. E. Oreston

Actg Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.Sept. 7th 1878.Mint U. S. Philad^a.

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 6th inst. I transmit you by current mail copies of the report of the Director for 1873-5-6-7.

I regret I cannot furnish you with the report for 1874 as our supply is entirely exhausted.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Sept. 7th 1878.

Suph. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 30th ult. transmitting Statement of silver purchased from August 1st to the 10th.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Telegram.

Suph. MintSept. 7th 1878.San Francisco.

Will require you to coin about one million silver dollars this month.

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Hardy & CroniseSept. 7th 1878.

24 Nassau St. New York.

Your offer accepted deliverable at Philadelphia,
payment by draft on New York.

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Confirmed.

Eugene M. Wambaugh, Esq.
Cambridge, Mass.

Sept. 7th. 1878.

Sir:

In response to request embraced in your letter of the 5th inst. I transmit you by current mail, copies of the reports of the Director of the Mint for 1873-5-6-7.

I regret I cannot supply you with the report for 1874 as our stock has long since been exhausted.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 7th. 1878.

Sept. 4. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philad^a of the sum of Seven Hundred and Twenty Thousands, Six Hundred and Fifty-Five Dollars and seventy cents, payable in 610 518 $\frac{2}{10}$ ounces fine silver.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Telegram.

Sept. Mint

Sept. 7th. 1878.

Barren, Nev.

Your telegram of second instant was received. Action will be had upon return of Director on 9th instant.

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Confirmed.

Hon. John ShermanSept. 7th 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars and Six Hundred and Fifty Five Dollars and seventy cents (\$7206.55 $\frac{7}{100}$) payable in 610 518 $\frac{2}{100}$ ounces fine silver bars.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.Sept. 7th 1878.

Assayer in Charge,

U. S. Mint, Denver.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$1,482.00 payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1879	\$648.00
Wages of Workmen	"	635.00
Contingent Expenses	"	200.00

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 7th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase of 100,000 ounces fine silver of Messrs. Handy & Brown, for delivery at your Mint, which you will please receive and pay for in standard silver dollars by draft on New York at the rate of $114\frac{7}{8}$ cents per ounces fine.

You are authorized to pay appropriate value to such extent as you deem safe and proper.

Very respectfully

R. E. Ormiston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 7th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of \$720,655 $\frac{7}{8}$ payable in 610,518 $\frac{7}{8}$ ozs. fine silver.

Very respectfully

R. E. Ormiston

Actg Director

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Sept. 7th 1878.

Sept. U. S. Mint
Philadel^a.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail a supply of "Circulars relative to the manner in which standard silver dollars may be obtained for circulation in exchange for currency."

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

H. Back, Esq.

Sept. 9th 1878.

Meadville, Linco Co. Mo.

Sir:

Your postal card of the 6th inst. addressed to the Treasurer U. S. inquiring how much is paid for Mexican Silver dollars, has been referred to this Office.

Mexican dollars are purchased by the Government as bullion at the Mints, according to the terms of the enclosed Circular.

The London quotation for silver today is 51 $\frac{3}{4}$ pence, the lowest point reached by silver for more than two years.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

A. Walkers, Esq.Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
Boise.Sept. 9th. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 31st ult. inclosing Statements of operations at your Office for the month of August.

On the 23rd ult. instructions were sent you as to the manner in which these Statements should be prepared. These instructions probably had not been received by you at the date of transmitting your Statements for August, which have not been correctly made out.

The necessary corrections will therefore be made at this office before entering upon the records, the Statement of "Deposits and Purchases" being changed from \$3913.90 Gold and \$473.87 Silver to \$4242.95 gold and \$144.17 Silver respectively.

Very respectfully

R. E. Orelton

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadel^a.Sept. 9th. 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst. transmitting Statement of coinage and medal dies manufactured during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Orelton

Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Sept. 9th 1848.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of August 30th transmitting daily statement of the movements of standard silver dollars from the 26th to the 30th ult. inclusive, has been received.

It will not be necessary for you to transmit hereafter a weekly statement of the movement of Standard Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully

R. C. Orleton

Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Sept. 9th 1848.

Sup't. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ult. transmitting statement of condition of the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the 10th ult., has been received.

Very respectfully

R. C. Orleton

Actg Director.

H. Silver, Esq.

Sept. 9th 1848.

Assayer in Chg, Mint, U. S.

Denver.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. transmitting statements of operations at your Mint for the month of August, 1848.

Very respectfully

R. C. Orleton

Actg Director

H. A. Thompson, Esq.
 Girard, Erie Co. Pa.

Sept. 9th 1898.

Sir:

Your postal card of the 7th inst. addressed to the Treasurer U. S. inquiring what trade dollars are worth as bullion, and where you can dispose of them, has been referred to this office.

Trade dollars are purchased by the Government as bullion at the mints in accordance with the terms of the circular herewith enclosed.

The London quotation for silver bullion today is 51 $\frac{3}{4}$ pence, the lowest point to which silver has declined for more than two years, and at which rate the silver in a trade dollar is worth 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

Very respectfully
 R. C. Preston
 Actg Director.

E. H. Perdue, Esq.
 Leader Printing Co.
 Cleveland, O.

Sept. 9th 1898.

Sir:

In response to the request embraced in your letter of the 5th inst. I transmit herewith a statement of the total coinage executed by the U. S. mints from their organization to June 30, 1898.

Very respectfully
 R. C. Preston
 Actg Director.

Messrs. Robt. Taylor & Co.

19th and Ballouhill St.

Philadel^a. Pa.

Sept. 10th 1878.

Gentlemen;

I will thank you to prepare for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev and deliver to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster U. S. Army in your City, the following articles viz:

250 Blk Lead crucibles, No. 45.

150 Covers " 45

150 Large dipping Cups }
150 Medium " " } as per drawing enclosed.

all of which should be securely packed and marked "U. S. Mint, Carson, Nevada."

It is expected that these goods will be of the best quality and that you will furnish the same at the lowest market rate.

You will transmit your account with the receipt in duplicate of Quartermaster Dana, to this office for settlement.

It is desirable that these crucibles be shipped as early as practicable.

Very respectfully

R. E. Ormston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Super. U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Sept. 2nd 1878.

Sir:

The designation of Jacob R. Eckfeldt to act as Assayer of your Mint during the temporary absence of that officer, is hereby approved.

Very respectfully

R. E. Ormston

Actg Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

Sept. 10th. 1898.San Francisco.

You are authorized to purchase of Sagard three twenty eight thousand ounces doré silver deliverable at the Carson or San Francisco Mint at the rate of one hundred thirteen and forty-four hundredths cents per ounce of fine silver contained. Seller to pay packing charges. If delivered at Carson will direct payment for silver contained to be made by draft on San Francisco.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Act'g Director.

 Jas. Crawford, Esq.Sept. 10th. 1898.

Sup. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co. for freight from Washington to Chicago on two boxes of Stationery shipped your Mint by the Dept. in May last, - the original of which has been referred to the accounting officers for settlement, payment of the amount (\$2.79) to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1898.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.September 10th 1878.

Supt. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 7th inst. I would say that the following amounts were paid the Employees of your Mint detailed for duty at Philadelphia and New York for services during the month of August by drafts on the Treasury of the United States from the appropriation for wages of workmen at your Mint for the current fiscal year, viz:

E. R. Levy	\$81.00
G. C. Conners	81.00
Geo. Kahn	47.35
N. Dawson	108.-
R. B. Harrison	108.-
G. F. Jones	56.

Very respectfully

R. C. Orelton

Actg Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.Sept. 10th 1878.

Assayer in Charge

Boise Assay Office.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$794.⁶⁰ payable from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1879	\$244. ⁶⁰
Wages & Contingent Expenses.		550.-

Very respectfully

R. C. Orelton

Actg Director.

Thomas PollockSept. 10th. 1898.

U.S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Upon examination I find that the statement of dies manufactured during the last fiscal year, transmitted by your letter of the 7th inst. does not embrace the experimental dies including those for the gold dollar and various modifications of standard dollar dies.

I am under the impression also that an obverse was made for the Life Saving Medal of the first class, as well as a reverse for the Annual Army Medal.

The statement is herewith returned. Please see that full corrections are made.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Booth & GravesSept. 10th. 1898.

Danville, Va.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 9th inst. addressed to the Treasurer U. S. inquiring what will be "allowed in greenbacks for Mexican Silver dollars," has been referred to this Office.

Foreign silver coin is purchased as bullion at the Mints in accordance with the terms of the enclosed Circular.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Act'g Director.

Major J. J. Dana

Sept. 10th 1878.

Quartermaster U. S. Army
Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have this day requested Messrs. Robert Taylor and Co. of Philadel^a to prepare and deliver to you, a lot of Crucibles, etc. for shipment to the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev.

I will thank you to receive and forward the same.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 10th 1878.

Sup^t. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir,

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of Five Thousand Dollars in gold coin, payable from the appropriation for "Packing and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Telegram

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

Sept. 10th 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

Your offer accepted provided delivery be made at Philadelphia. Payment by draft on New York, Good for today only.

R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Confirmed.

H. Silver, Esq.Sept. 10th. 1878.

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Mint, Denver.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail fifty blank
Abstracts of Petty Expenses.

Very respectfully

R. E. Orrelton

Actg Director.

H. Silver, Esq.Sept. 10th. 1878.Assayer in Charge, Mint
Denver.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your Ordinary Expenses $\mathcal{G}$ s, Abstract and Vouchers,
for the month of August 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Orrelton

Actg Director.

H. Silver, Esq.Sept. 11th. 1878.Assayer in Chg. Mint
Denver.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting
Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary
Expense $\mathcal{G}$ s for the month of August, 1878.

I will thank you to inform this Office
of the contents of the boxes enumerated
Voucher "47" of the $\mathcal{G}$ s.

Very respectfully

R. E. Orrelton

Actg Director.

Herman Silver, Esq.

Sept. 11th 1898.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers, the account of the "Empire Transp." Compy^y for freight from Philad^a to Chicago. -

One bbl. Nitrate Potash.

Six barboys Nit. Acid.

One bask of Sand crucibles

One Box of Assay Lead.

Amounting to \$20.²⁸ - payment to be made from the appropriation for Cont. Exp^s of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Messrs. W. Trotter & Co.

Sept. 11th 1898.

36 W. Front St. Philad^a. Pa.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting bills in duplicate for Sam Sons Schieffelin & Sons, delivered to Major J. J. Dana, Cr. Master U. S. Army, for shipment to the Mint at San Francisco.

Your account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft for the amount \$1,905.⁷⁰ will be sent you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 17th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^a.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase of Fifty Thousand (50,000) ozs fine silver, from Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co. of N. Y. for delivery at your mint.

You will please receive and make payment for same in standard silver dollars, by draft on New York, at the rate of 113 $\frac{3}{8}$ cents per oz. fine.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 17th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Phil^a.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause your Bullion Fund to be increased Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (500,000.) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, the same to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at N. Y.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadela.

Sept. 11th. 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith two gold dollars, for which I will thank you to remit by return mail two gold dollars (proof, of the coinage of 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Phila.

Sept. 11th. 1878.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase of 10000 ounces fine silver from Messrs. Lazard Freres for delivery at your Mint, which you will please receive and pay for in silver dollars, by draft on New York at the rate of 112 $\frac{3}{8}$ cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston
 Acting Director.

Telegram.

Lazard Freres
 65 Pine St. New York.

Sept. 11th. 1878.

Will purchase ten thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at the Philadelphia Mint at the rate of one hundred thirteen and three eighths cents per fine ounce. Payment by draft on New York. Offer good for today only.

R. E. Preston
 Actg Director.

Confirmed.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

Sept. 11th 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicates bill of the "Empire Trans." Comp'y, for freight on ten tons of Zinc and lot of bags from Philad^a to Chicago.

I have referred the original account to the accounting officers for examination and settlement, payment of that portion of the bill pertaining to your Mint, amounting to \$85.25, to be made from your appropriation for "Parking and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

W. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sept. 11th 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information, duplicates invoices for Ten Tons Schiffs Zinc delivered by Messrs. N. Trotter & Co. on the 9th inst. to Major J. J. Dana, Quartermaster, U. S. A. for shipment to your Mint.

I have referred the account of Messrs. Trotter & Co. to the accounting officers for settlement, payment of the amount \$1905.70 to be made from the Appⁿ for "Parking and Refining Bullion" at your Mint.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 11th. 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000, by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Boise Assay Office.

Sept. 11th. 1878.

Sir:

In returning your Ordinance, &c for the month of July 1878, which I sent you for correction, you neglected to enclose the Vouchers for Petty Expenses.

Respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, Carson, Nev.

Sept. 11th. 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$ No. 309 for \$486.¹⁶ gold coin, earnings of the Refinery of your Mint for the month of August 1878. The same has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully

R. C. Preston, Actg Director.

First AuditorSept. 11th. 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the following Accounts, viz:

Ordinary Expense Ac of the Assayer in Charge of the Denver Mint for the month of August, 1878.

Ordinary Expense Ac of the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint for the month of July 1878; also itemized bill for telegraphing belonging to the Ac of the same officer for the month of June, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Michael Hahn, Esq.Sept. 11th. 1878.

Lieut. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Ac for the month of July 1878; - also, itemized bill of the Telegraph Co. belonging to your June Ac.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.Sept. 11th. 1878.

47 Wall St. New York. N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have instructed the Lieut. of the Mint at Philad^a to receive from you 50000 ozs. fine silver and to pay for the same in standard silver dollars by draft on New York at the rate of $113 \frac{7}{8}$ cents per oz. fine.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

Messrs. Moets & Davenport

Sept. 15th 1878.

9 Wall St. New York.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. requesting to be informed if we will entertain offers from you to sell silver bullion, based on the London price and rate for exchange, the silver to be delivered at your option on or before certain mentioned future dates.

We are always open to receive offers of silver at the parity of the London quotation with current exchange on the day of purchase, for immediate delivery at the Mint at Philadelphia and pay for the same in Standard Silver dollars by draft on New York.

We do not make purchases except for immediate delivery. Offers can be made by wire and will be acted upon the same day.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg. Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 12th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th. inst. transmitting accounts of A. E. and A. L. Boulton, John Linserman and Teab. Johnson, ^{for supply delivered you for shipment} to the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont. has been received.

I have approved the accounts of the above named parties and referred the same to the accounting officers for settlement. In due course of business a draft for the amount will be transmitted them respectively.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 12th. 1878.

Supt. Mint

Philad^a.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your Ordinary Expense $\$$ for the month of July, 1878.

On the pay-roll of the ladies in the Coiner's Dept. you have S. J. Hamrick credited with 1 day and 6 hours extra time and the extra pay allowed her was only $\$4.50$. Thinking that it was intended for 6 hours I have erased the 1 day. If that is not correct she can be paid for the extra day in this month's $\$$.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Robt. Taylor & Co.Sept. 12th 1878.

Nineteenth and Ballouhill, Sts.

Philadelphia, Penna.

Gentlemen;

I have approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, your $\frac{1}{2}$ for crucibles and covers delivered to Maj. J. J. Dana, Dr. Mstr of U. S. A. for shipment to the Army Office at Helena, Mont.

In due course of business a draft for the amount - \$214 - will be remitted you.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director

H. L. Dodge Esq.Sept. 12th 1878.

Lieut. San Francisco Mint.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your communication of the 4th inst. I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of Five Thousand Dollars in gold coin, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

1st Auditor.Sept. 13th 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expenses $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Lieut. of the U. S. Mint at Philad^a for the month of July, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

Fredk. Leckfeldt Esq.Sept. 13th 1878.

Mint Bureau, Treasury Dept.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and instructed to proceed on the 14th inst. to the Mint at Philad^a for conference with the Assayer relative to experimental concave gold coins; also to ascertain what progress has been made by the engraver in preparing the dies.

The Director desires that this subject should be fully investigated and all the facts in relation to the same clearly presented.

You will also examine the various books of the Mint both of the general dept and the operative officers with a view to preparing a full set in the most suitable and convenient form for use in the Mint at New Orleans; and also prepare sample sheets for the use of the printer.

The Supt. is hereby requested to furnish you every facility to carry out the foregoing instructions.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.Sept. 13th 1878.

New York.

Will purchase one hundred thousand ounces fine silver at the rate of one hundred thirteen and fifty-two hundredths cents per ounces fine, payment by draft on New York. Offer good for today only.

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Confirmed.

note - It is understood that delivery will be made at Philadelphia, if offer is accepted.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

Sept. 13th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th. inst. transmitting corrected statement of dies manufactured at your Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1898.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Supt. U. S. Mint, Phil^a.

Sept. 13th. 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th. inst. transmitting two gold dollars (proof.)

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. Mint
 San Francisco.

Sept. 13th. 1898.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 30th. ult. in relation to indium, I have to request that you will make no further disposition of it, except by instruction from this office.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sept. 3^d. 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your supplemental Ordinary & Refinery Expenses, &c for the month of July, 1878.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sept. 13th. 1878.

Sir:

Your letters of the 5th inst. transmitting Statements showing the condition of the Bullion Fund August 24th and 31st ult: and bullion and coin on hand August 31st have been received.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sept. 13th. 1878.

Sir:

½ "328 for \$13,525.²⁸, earnings of Refinery of your Mint during the month of August, enclosed in your letter of the 5th inst. has been received and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director

W. L. Dodge, Esq.Sept. 13th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir,

I return herewith for correction Statement
of Silver purchased from August 11th. to 31st.
1878, forwarded with your letter of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully

R. E. Oreston

Actg Director.

Chas. Kreissmahr, Esq.Sept. 13th. 1878.

Thunder Bay

Lake Superior

Ontario Co.

Sir,

By request of U. H. Painter, Esq. I transmit
you by current mail a copy of Howard Painter's
Report on Metallurgy.

Very respectfully

R. E. Oreston

Actg Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint,Sept. 13th. 1878.San Francisco.

You are authorized to purchase of Daniel
Meyer fifteen thousand ounces crude silver and
from the Bank of California one hundred thousand
ounces doré and same amount from Anglo
California Bank, all at the rate of one
hundred, thirteen and fifty two hundredths
cents per ounce of fine silver contained.
Seller to pay mint charges.

R. E. Oreston

Actg Director.

Confirmed.

Bennie Wiley, Esq.

Seneca, Ill.

Sept. 13th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. addressed to the "Auditor of Treasury" inquiring the values of certain foreign coins, has been referred to this Office.

The pieces you mention appear to be of small denominations and of but little value, unless they should possess a value, other than intrinsic to numismatists, in which case I am unable to furnish you with their market value.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Act'g Director.

G. C. Acton, Esq.Sept. 13th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense A/c, for the month of August 1898; also, your supplemental A/c of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1898.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Act'g Director.

1st AuditorSept. 13th. 1878.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination & settlement the Ordinary & Refinery Expenses Accounts of the Supt. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month of August, 1878. - also, supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses of the same Office for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1878.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Michael Mahon, Esq.

Sept. 13th. 1878.

Supt. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 10th inst. enclosing requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for certain articles of office furniture, I have to inform you that I have forwarded the requisition to its proper destination.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Telegram. Jas. B. Colgate & Co.

Sept. 13th. 1878.

47 Wall St. New York

Will purchase fifty thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at the Mint at Philadelphia at the rate of one hundred thirteen and fifty two hundredths cents per ounce fine. Payment by draft on New York. Offer good for today only.

R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

Confirmed.

Mr. E. T. LudvigSept. 14th 1898.

Supt. Gold & Stock Telegraph Co.

Western Union Building, N.Y.

Sir:

Notwithstanding there were quite wide fluctuations yesterday in the price of silver in London, we did not receive a cable from London giving the price.

You will readily understand that this failure to comply with your agreement may at any time result in embarrassments in considering offers for the sale of silver which come to us daily.

Unless all changed in the market price can hereafter be promptly furnished us, we shall feel compelled to make some other arrangements.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman.

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Sept. 14th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Dept. for adjustment your supplemental Accounts of Ordinary & Refinery Expenses for the month of July 1898.

Please see that the receipts on the warrants are dated in your future accounts.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sept. 14th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. transmitting certificate of deposit for \$207⁷²/₁₀₀ on account of alloy charges for August 1878, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 14th 1878.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase of 50,000 ounces fine silver from Messrs. J. B. Bolgate & Co. and 100,000 ounces from Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. for delivery at your Mint which you will please receive and pay for in standard silver dollars by draft on New York at the rate of 113⁵²/₁₀₀ cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

1st Auditor
Treasury Dept.

Sept. 14th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary and Refinery Expenses (Supplemental), of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month of July 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,

September 16th 1878.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

It appears from your payrolls that the expenses for Wages of Workmen at your Mint are at present at the rate of about \$3,000 per month in excess of the amount appropriated, which, if continued until the close of the fiscal year would involve a deficiency of from \$5,000. to \$30,000. - the incurring of which the law does not contemplate.

So long as the Dept. was unable to purchase sufficient supplies of silver bullion at the Western Mints, it was necessary to employ a full working force at your Mint for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the law authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar. This difficulty has ceased, and by distributing the coinage of the silver dollar among the three Coinage Mints, the necessary coinage can be executed without exceeding the appropriations at any Mint.

I fully explained the subject to the Secretary of Treasury this morning, and the conclusion was arrived at, that a reduction of the working force at your Mint is called for under the law.

You are therefore instructed to reduce the working force at the close of the present month to an extent sufficient to bring the monthly expenses for Wages of Workmen to a sum which shall not exceed $\frac{1}{9}$ one ninth of the balance to the credit of the appropriations for Wages at that date.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director

M. F. Bongars, Esq.
New Orleans.

Sept. 16th 1878.

Sir:

I return herewith your bill for traveling expenses from New Orleans to this City via Chicago and return, received this morning, with the following information, viz:

"June 22, 1878 - for 1 section in sleeping car from New Orleans to Chicago - \$14.⁰⁰" you will please reduce this item to \$7.⁰⁰ as per circulars herewith enclosed.

"June 25, 1878 - Hotel bill \$3.⁵⁰ Voucher must be furnished.

"June 28, 1878" Bill at Ebbitt House \$6.⁰⁰" voucher must be furnished.

"June 25, 1878 - Sleeping Car to Phila, \$10.⁰⁰" You will please reduce this item to \$5.⁰⁰.

"July 12, 1878, Hotel Bill \$6.⁰⁰, Voucher must be furnished.

"July 15, 1878, Bill Tremont House, Chicago \$3.⁰⁰" Voucher required.

I notice that you have made no charge for sleeper from Chicago to New Orleans. If you used one you are entitled to the amount paid for one double berth.

Please correct and return your bill with the required vouchers.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Arthur Orr, Esq.

Sept. 16th 1878.

1219 Ballouhill St. Phila.

Please come here as soon as you can.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mins.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 16th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco be increased five Hundred Thousand Dollars by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent with the Assistant Treasurer in that city by wire.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 16th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco to that of the Mint at Carson, Nev. of the sum of Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars \$346,500, payable in 30,000 ounces fine silver.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 16th 1878.

There is no authority of law for placing any mint stamp or mark on weights designed for use by private parties.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 16th. 1898.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Carson, of the sum of *346,500., payable in 300000 ounces fine silver.

I have calculated the value of the silver at 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per ounce fine.

The expenses of transportation will be paid by the Sup't. of the Carson Mint.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram. Sup't. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 16th. 1898.

Draft for transfer of Three Hundred Thousand ounces fine silver from your Bullion Fund to the Carson Mint mailed today. Ship one hundred thousand ounces on account as soon as practicable taking receipt of Express Company for same; Balance on presentation of draft.

Superintendent at Carson to pay transportation.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram. Sup't. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 16th. 1898.

Five hundred thousand standard silver dollars will be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer by wire today.

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Confirmed.

Mrs. Kate L. Bordan

Sept. 16th 1898.

O. O. Box 1912, San Francisco. Cal.

Madam,

Your letter of July 23rd addressed to the President of the U. S. requesting that your husband be transferred from the San Francisco Mint to the Mint at Philadel^a, has been referred to this Office.

In reply I have to inform you that there are no vacancies at the Phil^a Mint at present, and it is due to frankness to say that there is but little probability of our being able to comply with your request.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Lehas. Rumby, Esq.

Sept. 16th 1898.

Assayer in Charge

Helena Assay Office.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of \$1033.⁸⁵ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office for the present fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	—	1899	—	\$464. 60
Wages of Workmen	—	"	—	318. 75
Contingent Expenses	—	"	—	250. —

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Michael Halpin, Esq.Sept. 16th 1898.

Supt. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds for the current month has been approved for the sum of Seven thousand Dollars, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint for the present fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	—	1879	—	—	\$1500.
Wages of Workmen	—	'	—	—	3000.
Contingent Expenses	—	'	—	—	1000.
Repairs of Machinery	—	'	—	—	1500.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Michael Halpin, Esq.Sept. 16th 1898.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expenses $\%e$ for the month of August, 1898.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Sept. 16th 1898.Barson, Nev.

Three thousand three hundred ounces fine silver will be transferred to you from San Francisco Mint, one hundred thousand of which will be sent you as early as practicable - the balance upon presentation of transfer draft at San Francisco by express co. You will pay transportation from Silver profit fund.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Continued.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Carson. Nev.

Sept. 16th 1878.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, to that of your Mint, of the sum of \$346,500.- payable in 30,000 ounces fine silver at 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ per oz. finer.

The expenses of transportation will be paid by you from the Silver Profit Fund:

Respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director

John Tyler, Esq.
 O. O. Box 234, Richmond, Va.

Sept. 17th 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. I would state that the second section of the Joint Resolution of Congress past July 22nd 1876, reads as follows - That the Trade Dollar shall not hereafter be a legal tender, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to limit from time to time the coinage thereof to such an amount as he may deem sufficient to meet the export demand for the same."

I forward you by today's mail a copy of the laws of the U. S. relating to Loans and Currency, including the Coinage Acts on page 148 of which you will find the Joint Resolution referred to in full.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.
 Assayer U. S. Assay Office
 Helena, Mont.

Sept. 17th 1898.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. transmitting corrected statement of "Earnings and Expenditures of your Office for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1898."

Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.
 Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
 Helena, Mont.

Sept. 17th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. transmitting estimates of appropriations required for the support of your Office for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1899, has been received.

Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 17th 1898.

Charge reduced as recommended in your despatch of second instant. Your other suggestions in same despatch are not approved. Will write you fully tomorrow stating terms on which we will purchase Bodie Bullions.

H. R. Linderman
 Director

Confirmed.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.Sept. 17th. 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a regulation prescribed by this office and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury reducing the charge for Parting Bullion containing from three hundred thousandths to five hundred thousandths gold at your Mint, from six cents per ounces gross to four cents per ounces gross.

Very respectfully -

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.Sept. 17th. 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. transmitting detailed statement of receipts on hand at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1878, and sold August 1878, has been received.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Nevada BankSept. 17th. 1878.

San Francisco.

We will take one million ounces fine silver at one hundred and thirteen cents per ounces payable in silver dollars.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 17th 1878.

Supt. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting Certificate of Deposit #4710 for \$46.⁵² deposited with the Assistant Treasurers on ac of unexpended balances of appropriations for manufacture of standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 17th 1878.Supt. Mint, Phil^a.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting statement of old materials sold and Certificate of Deposit #4709 for \$98.⁴⁰ deposited with the Asst. Treasurers on ac of the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 17th 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint, Phil^a.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. I have to request that you will forward the vouchers for the month of Sept. for compensation of the employes of the Mint at New Orleans La, now on duty at your Mint to this office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco

Sept. 17th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. transmitting estimates of appropriations required for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1880, has been received.

Respectfully,
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

See Page
 445.

Editor of the
"Philadelphia Press."

Sept. 18th 1878.

Sir:

Please insert the enclosed in your paper for ten (10) days, and send your bill in duplicate to this office for settlement.

Please send one copy of your paper containing the same marked.

Very respectfully,
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Similar letter addressed to
 Editor of the
"Philadelphia North American."

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Sup't. Mint, U. S.
 San Francisco.

Sept. 18th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing monthly reports of Assayer, Melter & Refiner, Coiner and Engineer for the month of August 1878, has been received.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director

Telegram.

Sept. 4. S. Mint

Sept. 18th. 1898.San Francisco.

Have purchased from Nevada Bank one million ounces fine silver for delivery at your Mint. Receive and pay for same at the rate of one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine in silver dollars. Pay approximate value on delivery - balance after melt and assay.

Your Bullion Fund will be increased one million two hundred thousand dollars by wire today.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

Telegram.

Sept. Mint

Sept. 18th. 1898.San Francisco.

You are authorized to purchase the two lots of Dore's Silver referred to in your dispatch of yesterday at rate of one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine. Sellers to pay parting charges.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 18th. 1898.

Sept. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. transmitting Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1898, has been received.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nev.

Sept. 18th 1848.

Sir:

Referring to your despatch of the second inst. in which you request authority to receive bullion from the Bodie Mine, paying for the fine silver contained at the equivalent of the London rate and for the gold contained, the coining value in gold coin by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco - the whole to be subject to a parting charge of four cents per ounce gross.

After conferring with the Secretary of the Treasury upon the subject on yesterday, I telegraphed you in substance that this could not be done and that I would write you today and state the terms on which we would be willing to purchase the bullion.

We will be willing to take the silver contained at the equivalent of the London rate, and purchase the gold contained, at its coining value (the seller to pay parting charge) and pay for both gold and silver in silver certificates, which certificates are receivable everywhere at par in payment of all public dues including customs duties.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Colonel Burton

Sept. 18th 1848.

Cosmopolitan Hotel. N. Y.

I am here and will be glad to see you at your convenience.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Sept. 18th. 1848.See page
442.

Sealed proposals for the manufacture of the following named machinery for the U. S. Mint at New Orleans will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clk noon - Tuesday October 1st 1848 - to wit -

One large coining press, similar to the one of the largest size now in use at the Philad^a Mint known as the Ajax pattern, except the beam which is to be of the best cast steel instead of brass.

One Hydraulic press, and one machine for grinding rolls of the same pattern and similar in all respects to those in use at the Philad^a Mint.

All to be finished and subject to the inspection of the Director of the Mint by the first day of December 1848. Proposals will be addressed to the Director of the Mint, Washington D. C., and the envelopes marked, "Proposals for Machinery for the Mint at New Orleans."

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids if deemed for the interest of the Government.

The party whose bid may be accepted, will be required to give a sufficient bond for the faithful performance of the contract within the time specified.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Arthur Orr and
E. L. Morgan,
 Philadelphia

Sept. 18th 1878.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to furnish for the Mint of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans one No. 2 Coining Press Complete for the sum of Seven thousand dollars ("7000.") is accepted.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. John Sherman
 Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 18th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, be increased one million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco, by telegraph.

I have the honor to be
 Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director Mint.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

Sept. 19th 1878.

Sir:

The attention of the officers of the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States is directed to the following provisions of law relating to the purchase of supplies, viz:
 "Revised Statutes - Title 43, Public Contracts

Sec. 3709. All purchases and contracts for supplies or services in any of the Departments of the Government, except for personal services shall be made by advertising a sufficient time previously for proposals respecting the same, when the public exigencies do not require the immediate delivery or performance of the service. When immediate delivery or performance is required by the public exigency the articles or services required may be procured by open purchase or contract, at the places and in the manner in which such articles are usually bought and sold, or such services engaged, between individuals.

Sec. 3710. Whenever proposals for supplies have been solicited, the parties responding to such solicitations shall be duly notified of the times and place of opening the bids, and be permitted to be present either in person or by attorney and a record of each bid shall then and there be made.

You will please see that the above provisions of law are carried into effect at your institution.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Army Office
New York.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint,
Lansdown.

M. Hahn, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

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Lehas. Rumley, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Assay Office, Helena.

Lo. J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Charlotte Assay Office.

A. Wolters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Assay Office, Boise.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Mint, Denver.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 19th 1878.

Sir:

I have your letters of July 29th and August 6th last, in reference to the charges of H. R. Noble against the Assayer.

You say that you are unable to find any person who will substantiate the charges.

This is satisfactory as far as it goes but there does not appear to be any assurance on your part that the officer referred to is not an offender in some degree in the use of intoxicating drinks.

Whilst we are desirous of retaining so valuable an officer in the service it must be distinctly understood that intoxications cannot be permitted.

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, City.

Sept. 19th 1878.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 11th inst. I have this day made requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in your favor for the sum of

Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, the amount appropriated for replacing the boilers at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
Supr. U. S. Mint
Canton.

Sept. 19th. 1848.

Sir:

I have this day requested that an advance of Eight Hundred Dollars be made you payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year to pay for the new Arch for the Coining Press.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Wm. M. H. Miller, Esq.
New York City.

Sept. 19th. 1848.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3^d. ult: making application for the position of Melter & Refiner at the New Orleans Mint, was received during my absence from the city.

Whenever the office referred to is to be filled, I will present your letter together with that of the Reverend Dr. Battell, strongly endorsing your application to the Secretary of the Treasury, in which way your application will reach the President of the U. S. in whom the appointment is vested by law.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann
Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

Sept. 19th 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 5th inst. explanatory of the comparatively small amount of earnings of the Refinery for the month of August and in which you state among other things that about 128,000 ounces of silver was operated upon from which no charges were collected, the same having been reported by the Assayer as containing copper; but, upon trial by the boiler proved unsatisfactory and was returned to the Melter & Refiner to be refined.

Since the law requires that a charge equal to the expenses shall be imposed on all bullions requiring parting or refining, I have to request you to consider the circumstances attending the acceptance of this bullion from the seller, with a view to determine whether or not, a claim should not be made for the refining charge.

In submitting your report upon the subject, you will please give me your opinion on the point raised.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

Sept. 19th 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinarynd Refinery Expenses for the month of August, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Sept. 17th 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco

Sir:

Referring to your letter Aug. 15th last, received during my absence from the City and in which you enclose a communication from the Melter & Refiner stating the difficulties in the way of executing my order to keep the deposit melting room sweeps separate from those of the Melter & Refiner, I have to state that I have carefully considered the facts presented by the Melter & Refiner and in view of the obstacles in the way, due to the very large number of deposits received at your Mint, my previous order is hereby modified so far as to require you to do the best you can towards carrying the same into effect.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. V. Smith, Esq.Sept. 17th 1878.

Friedricksburg, Va.

Sir:

Your letter of August 6th last, applying for some position in the Mint Service was received during my temporary absence from the City.

I have referred your letter to the Supt. of the Mint at New Orleans, the only place at which there are any appointments to be made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 19th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadel^a.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of \$/d No. 4710 for \$46.⁵⁹, unexpended balance of the amount advanced you for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollar, I have to inform you that the same has been forwarded to its proper destination.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 19th. 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint. Phil^a.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Refinery Expense \$/d for the month of August, also, supplemental \$/d of expenses incurred in the manufacture of Standard Silver Dollars for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

M. Hahn, Esq.Sept. 19th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

I send you by today's mail a supply of modified blank oaths of office.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

H. B. Parsons, Esq.
 #304 East Capitol St.
 Washington. D. C.

Sept. 19th. 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury in which you request certain information as to the weight and actual value of the gold and silver and trade dollars respectively, has been referred to this Office for reply.

The standard fineness of the gold and silver coins of the U. S. is 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts copper.

Gold is valued in the coinage, at the rate of \$18.604 + per standard ounces.

The coining rate or value of the legal tender silver dollar is 116 ⁴/₁₀ cents per standard ounces.

The weight of the gold dollar is 25 ⁸/₁₀ grains troy, and of the Trade Dollar 420 grains whilst that of the Legal Tender Silver dollar is 412 ¹/₂ grains.

As bullion, the value of the Trade Dollar is at today's quotation for silver about 89⁰⁰.

Very respectfully

H. W. Linderman
 Director.

Chas. Rumbly, Esq.
 In charge, U. S. Assay Office
 Helena, Mont.

Sept. 19th. 1898.

My dear Sir:

In respect to the application heretofore made in behalf of the son of Anders B. Smith, it is proper for me to say that no recommendation of mine must ever be construed to mean that an officer is to make an appointment against his own judgment.

Yours,

I write this first, because Mr. Smith's father appears to be very persistent about the matter, and secondly because, to turn any deserving person out of the Service to put another in, is against my notions of propriety.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Arden R. Smith, Esq.

Sept. 19th. 1878.

1314 Pine St. St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. finds me slowly recovering from severe illness.

At present there is no place in which your son could be put. We are about to make a heavy reduction in the force at the Phil^a Mint on account of the inadequacy of the appropriations, and it will be impossible to take any one on there, however meritorious the case may be.

I will continue to bear your son's case in mind, and will be glad to serve him if an opportunity should occur. At present however, we are full at every place, and I see no immediate prospect.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director

Jas. Moore, Esq.

Sept. 19th. 1878.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received from the Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans a requisition for three cylinder boilers thirty 30, inches diameter and forty 40, feet, ^{eight} 18, inches long with manheads

in the front and rear of each boiler.

In an estimate furnished by you to Dr. W. S. Borzans, you proposed to manufacture three Cylinder boilers 36 inches diameter, and 40 feet long of the "best flange iron" double rivetted all over, with cast iron heads for the sum of \$1,470.

The boilers required as shown by the drawing enclosed therewith are only 30 inches in diameter, which Dr. Borzans thinks will diminish the cost sufficiently to make up for manheads in the front and rear of each boiler your estimate calling for manheads in front only.

Please inform me if such will be the case, and how long it will take to manufacture and have the boilers ready for shipment.

Very respectfully

W. R. Linderman

Director.

Russell B. Harrison, Esq.
U. S. Mint, Philad^a.

Sept. 19th. 1878.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday requesting leave of absence in the early part of October to visit your home in Indiana for the purpose of completing some arrangements before your transfer to the New Orleans Mint.

Leave of absence for fifteen¹⁵ days is hereby granted.

As an act of courtesy to the Lt. of the Phila Mint, you will exhibit to him this letter in order that he may know the reason of your absence.

Yours,

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

I do not think you will be
transferred to New Orleans until
about 1st Dec.

L.

Hon. John Sherman

Sept. 20th 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I am informed by the Superintendent of the
Mint at Philad^a that bronze one cent pieces
are very scarce and the demand for them
is increasing - the Mint not having a suffi-
cient amount on hand to promptly fill
orders as received.

I have therefore to respectfully re-
commend that you will direct transfers to
the Mint to the amount of Fifteen Thousand
Dollars 15,000. of bronze one cent coins that may
be in the Treasury in excess of the requirements.

Should there not be in the Treasury
bronze one cent pieces in excess of the amount
required, I recommend that you authorize
the coinage of an amount not exceeding
Fifteen Thousand Dollars of the coins above
referred to.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Mr. Carl H. Schultz
 860 Broadway N. Y.
 New York.

Sept. 25th 1898.

Sir:

I have your ^{letter} of yesterday enclosing a communication addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury which you request to be placed in his hands.

It will give me pleasure to present your letter to the Secretary with an endorsement of your high standing as a chemist and a gentleman.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

John Lepples Esq.
 Litchfield, Conn.

Sept. 25th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th inst. requesting amount of silver dollars, copper cents, &c, coined in 1804.

I transmit copy of my report for the last fiscal year, on pages 28 & 30, you will find the information requested.

I return herewith the twenty-five cents in currency, enclosed by you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.Sept. 20th 1878.Supt. U. S. Army Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. transmitting Estimates of Appropriations required for the support of your Office, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1880, has been received.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director. Jas. Crawford, Esq.Sept. 20th 1878.Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst. transmitting Estimates of Appropriations required for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1880, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Jas. B. Colgate, & Co.Sept. 20th 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

Will purchase fifty thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at New York at the rate of one hundred twelve and eight tenths cents per ounce fine. Offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confirmed.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Carson. Nev.

Sept. 21st 1878.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expenses for the month of June 1878. also your Ordinary ^{and} Refinery Expense for the month of July 1878.

Your attention is directed to the following provisions of law relating to the rendering of Accounts, Revised Statutes, Section 3622.

Every Officer, or agent of the United States who receives public money which he is not authorized to retain as salary, pay or emolument, shall render his accounts monthly. Such accounts, with the vouchers necessary to the correct and prompt settlement thereof, shall be sent by mail, or otherwise to the Bureau to which they pertain, within ten days after the expiration of each successive month. + + +.

I will thank you to see that this provision of law is complied with as far as possible, at your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. Rumley, Esq.
 Assayer in Chg. Assay Office
 Helena.

Sept. 21st 1878.

Sir:

I transmit by today's mail to your address, two blank books, one of Gold Mint Receipt, and the other of Silver Mint Receipt.

Yours respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Subt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia

Sept. 21st 1898.

Sir,

Enclosed please find fourteen sealed samples of coin and assay slips received through the Department of State from the Japanese Mint, and which the Japanese Minister desires to be assayed by the U. S. Mint.

You will please cause these samples to be assayed and the report of the Assayer giving the result of the same, transmitted to this office.

I enclose for your information in connection with the subject, copy of a letter of the Japanese Minister to the Secretary of State, also of a letter of J. Bowland an officer of the Japanese Mint. These papers will be returned to this Office with your report.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Subt. Mint, Phila.

Sept. 21st 1898.

Sir,

I have to advise you of the purchase of 12,000 ounces fine silver from Messrs. Lazard Freres for delivery at your Mint. You will please receive and pay for the same in standard silver dollars by draft on New York at the rate of 113 cents per ounce finer.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Sept. 21st 1898.

Will purchase one hundred thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at the Mint Philadelphia at the rate of one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine. Offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Lazard Freres

Sept. 21st 1898.

65 Pine St. New York.

Will purchase twelve thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at Philadelphia Mint at the rate of one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine payable by draft on New York. Offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

A. Wolters, Esq.

Sept. 21st 1898.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst. transmitting Estimates of Appropriations required for the support of your Office for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1899.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Moore, Esq.
 Corner 16th and Buttonwood Sts.
 Philadelphia.

Sept. 27. 1878.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th inst. in regard to manufacturing Three Cylinder Boilers, for the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans.

The price at which you offer to make these boilers Fourteen Hundred and Seventy Dollars ^(1,470) is satisfactory. You will proceed to make the same as early as practicable, and when ready for shipment please notify this Office.

Very respectfully

H. B. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

Sept. 28th. 1878.

Sir:

I return herewith your statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1878, in order that you may insert as an Earning the amount received for the "Coinage of Trade Dollars"; the same having been omitted from the statement.

I have also to request that you will state separately the amount of Profits accruing on the coinage of standard silver dollars and fractional silver coins.

Very respectfully

H. B. Linderman
 Director.

1898.
Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 23^d 1898.

Sir:

Toward the close of the last fiscal year there was some correspondence with you in reference to a test of different varieties of the best Anthracite coals to be made with a view of arriving at an approximate daily or monthly consumptions, or in other words to have a standard to determine the quality of coal delivered from time to time by any contractor, and this trial, it was understood would be made soon after the resumption of operations in July.

About the same time you were requested to furnish an estimate of the cost to construct platform scales.

As we have heard nothing from you since upon the subject, you will please report what action if any, has been taken upon the points referred to.

I will thank you also, to furnish a statement showing the consumption of coal by the Melter and Refiner for each of the months of July, August, and that ending on the 30th inst.

Let the statement also show the number of sacks of charcoal, coke and wood consumed by him.

A Statement giving these items for each month will, hereafter, be furnished.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 23^d 1878.

Sept. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith the Voucher of Mrs. Les Cahen for services as Adjuster during the month of September, 1878, with the request that you will have the same made out at the rate of compensation submitted by the Sept. and approved by me.

I will thank you to inform me by whose authority the increase of compensation in this case, was made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 23^d 1878.

Sept. Mint, Phila.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase of 50,000 ounces fine silver from Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co. for delivery at your Mint, which you will please receive and pay for in standard silver dollars, by draft on New York at the rates of 113 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Sept. Mint

Sept. 23^d 1878.Cameron. Nev.

Forward without delay statement of Earnings and Expenditures for fiscal year ended June thirtieth seventy eight.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint,
 Carson.

Sept. 23^d 1878.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary $\$$ s for the month of June 1878, I have to call your attention to the following items, viz:

Voucher 283 - Bill of L. P. McLearty for 5 copies of the Annual Statistician - One copy only of this work will be allowed, and the Auditor will be requested to disallow the amount paid in excess of the cost of one copy.

Petty Bill of S. L. Bancroft & Co. is herewith returned that the same may be made out on the bill-head of the firm, and the articles purchased may be stated on the bill.

I find that Mr. J. L. Bryant, Helper in the Refinery of your Mint, has been paid for the quarter ended June 30th 1878 at the rate of \$4.25 per diem, notwithstanding I declined to approve the increase of his compensation from \$4.00 per diem in my letter of May 8th 1878.

The Auditor will be requested to disallow the amount paid him in excess of his lawful compensation.

Respectfully

H. R. Lindemann
 Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.
 Supt. Mint. Carson.

Sept. 23^d 1878.

Dear Sir:

Your Ordinary $\$$ s have not been recently rendered as promptly as the law requires. For example your ordinary $\$$ for June did not reach this office until the 21st inst. You are requested to

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furnish an explanation in respect to these delays.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. W. Treadway, Esq.
Norwich, Conn.

Sept. 23. 1898.

Sir:

In reply to the inquiries embraced in your letter of the 16th inst. relative to the trade dollar, I have to state as follows:

The trade dollar was first coined in October, 1873.

They were coined from time to time for depositors of silver bullion at the Mints until February 1878, when the receipt of deposits for returns in those coins was discontinued.

The total number coined was 35,959,360 pieces.

The trade dollar was not intended for domestic circulation, but was coined for depositors who desired the coin for export to China.

Until July 22, 1876, they were a legal tender to the amount of five dollars; this legal tender was repealed by Act of Congress of that date. They have never been paid out or received by the Government for dues.

The receipt of deposits for returns in trade dollars was discontinued for the reason that the decline in the price of silver and the appreciation of United States Notes, enabled speculators to derive a profit by placing them in circulation as money.

The fineness is that of $\frac{9}{10}$ the same

as the legal tender dollar of 412½ grains.

It is estimated that there is not more than 4,000,000 pieces in circulation East of the Rocky Mountains.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

W. C. Land, & Co.

Sept. 23rd 1878.

Jacksonville, Ala.

Gentlemen;

Your letter of the 19th inst. addressed to the Treasurer U. S. inquiring the value of Mexican ^{Silver} Dollars, has been referred to this Office.

I enclose herewith a circular from which you will see that the value of silver coins that are not legal tenders in the United States, fluctuates with the price of silver.

At the latest quotation for silver bullion, the Mexican dollar is worth 88 7/10 c.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Jas. B. Colgate, & Co.

Sept. 23rd 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

Will accept fifty thousand ounces fine silver delivered at Assay Office New York at one hundred twelve and eight tenths cents, or one hundred thirteen cents per ounce fine delivered at Philadelphia Mint offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Sept. 23^d. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco

Sir:

In your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1878, you have omitted to state the amount received from the sale of Old Materials, during the year.

I will thank you to furnish a statement of the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Sept. 23^d. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office as early as practicable a statement showing the amount of seigniorage on the coinage of standard silver dollars and fractional silver coins respectively, at your Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30th. 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson.

First AuditorSept. 23^d. 1878.

Treas. Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expenses of the

Assayer in charge of the Helena Assay Office
for the month of August, 1878.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

T. C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 24th. 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have transmitted to the Accounting Officers
of the Dept. for examination and settlement
your Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ s for the first quarter of the
present calendar year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. J. Morton Poole & Co.
Wilmington, Del.

Sept. 24th. 1878.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst. I
would say that you can submit a bid to
furnish for the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans,
one of your roll grinding machines and we will
entertain the same in consideration with
proposals to furnish grinding machines.

We reserve the right to accept or re-
ject your bid as may be deemed best for the
interest of the Government.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 24th. 1878.

Sir:

The weekly statements of imports of coin and bullions, which appear in some of the newspapers, show that considerable sums of U. S. Silver coin are being received at New York and San Francisco from Central and South America. These coins were no doubt exported from the U. S. before the issue of fractional coin, in lieu of fractional currency was commenced.

It is quite important that the amount of these importations should be ascertained, as accurately as possible in order that the Department may know what additions to the silver circulation has been made from the sources indicated.

I therefore respectfully suggest that the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics be instructed to have a table prepared, which shall show the amount of fractional silver coin imported and exported during the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1878, and a similar statement for the quarter ending 30th. inst.

The trade dollar should constitute a separate item in the Statement.

The information which such tables may furnish, can readily be incorporated in the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, soon to be prepared.

In this connection I beg to state that some two years ago, upon the suggestion of the Director, the different Collectors of Customs were instructed to keep these items separately.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Direct AuditorSept. 24th. 1878.Treasury Dept.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion $\frac{1}{2}$ s of the Dept. of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the quarter ended March, 31, 1878.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Sup't. MintSept. 24th. 1878.San Francisco.

You are authorized to purchase silver contained in Dore's Offered by Lagard & Co. at the rate of one hundred twelve and one half cents per ounce fine.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

H. L. Dodge Esq.

Sept. 23. 1878.

Sup't. U. S. MintSan Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 16th inst. transmitting statement of the condition of the Bullion Fund on the 7th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.Sept. 24th. 1878.New York.

We will accept one hundred thousand ounces deliverable at Philadelphia at one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine Offer good for today only.

Confirmed. 3

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia.

Sept. 24th 1878.

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that a transfer of ten thousand dollars in bronze one cent coins, will be made from the U. S. Assistant Treasurers at New York City, to your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. Mint. U. S.
 Philadelphia.

Sept. 24th 1878.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase of fine silver for delivery at your Mint as follows viz:

From Handy & Bronises - 150,000 ounces
 " J. B. Colgate & Co. - 50,000 "
 " J. & W. Seligman & Co. - 100,000 "

which you will please receive and pay for in standard silver dollars by draft on New York at the rate of 113 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. Mint, Phil^a

Sept. 24th 1878.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase of 21000 ounces fine silver from Messrs. Laidlaw & Co. for delivery at your Mint, you will please receive and pay for the same in standard

silver dollars by draft on New York at the rate of 113 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

For Director.

Telegram.

Laidlaw & Co.

Sept. 24th 1878.

12 Pine St. New York.

We will accept twenty one thousand ounces deliverable at Philadelphia and pay for same at the rate of one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine by draft on New York, offer good for today only.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Handy & Cronise

Sept. 24th 1878.

24 Nassau St.

Your offer accepted deliverable at Philadelphia Mint.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to

J. B. Colgate & Co.

47 Wall St. New York. (Confirmed)

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Sept. 25th 1878.

Sept. 4. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco ten 10, obverse double Eagle Dies without delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. PollockSept. 25th 1878.

Sept. 4. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

A written document relative to the value of the Austrian florin has been missed from my desk and I think it possible that it may have been inadvertently included in the papers relative to the assay of Japanese coins mailed you a few days ago.

If the missing paper should be among the papers referred to, you will please return them to this Office without delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

John A. Winebrunner, Esq.Sept. 25th 1878.

Jefferson, Cook Co. Ill.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th inst. and also your former communication of the 17th ult. requesting certain information respecting the amount of Iridium Osmium annually obtained at the Mints.

The delay in replying to your letter has been occasioned by the fact that the necessary data had first to be obtained from the various Mints and Assay Offices.

The principal amount obtained is at the San Francisco Mint, none at Carson, and an inconsiderable amount at the Philadelphia Mint and the Assay Office at New York.

The amount recovered varies so much that I am unable to give the average annual amount; there is at present in the hands of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco

upwards of a hundred pounds, the accumulation of several years. It is not however from prudential motives offered for sale nor is it contemplated that it should be disposed of.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Gen. Morgan, Esq.

436 S. 40th St.

Philadelphia.

Sept. 25th 1848.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th inst. transmitting a sketch for the reverse of the Indians Peace Medal, and also requesting a leave of absence from the 28th inst. to the 5th prox.

A leave of absence for the time specified is hereby granted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Dept. of S. Mint

Carson City.

Sept. 25th 1848.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in gold coin, payable from the appropriation for "Minting and Refining bullion."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Walter H. Pleasant, Esq.
Scottsville, Va.

Sept. 25th 1878.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 23rd inst. relative to appointment in the New Orleans Mint.

You are informed that all appointments to positions in the Mint at New Orleans, are by law vested in the Superintendent and to whom you should make application.

I have referred your letter to Supt. Hahn of the N.O. Mint.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

A. Parker, Esq.
Care Supt. U. S. Mint
Philad^a

Sept. 25th 1878.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. I would say that the employees of the New Orleans Mint now on duty at the Philadelphia Mint, will be allowed their actual traveling expenses from Philadelphia to New Orleans only.

The amount of such expenses will be paid them upon their arrival there and furnishing the Superintendent of the Mint with proper vouchers covering the same.

Respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. John Sherman

Sept. 25th 1878.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Supt. of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Paul Kitzsteiner, Esq.

Sept. 25th 1878.

Selinsgrove, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, requesting to be informed if a premium has ever been offered by the Government for half dollars of the coinage of 1859, has been referred to this Office.

No premium has ever been offered for the above mentioned coins as they are not worth more than half dollars of the coinage of other years.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 Lieut. U. S. Mint
 San Francisco.

Sept. 26th 1898.

Sir:

It is probable that the terms of purchasing silver on your Coast will be modified in a day or two as follows. Instead of paying the equivalent of the London rate as heretofore, there will be a deduction of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent per ounce fine from that rate for lots above 10,000 ounces and one cent per ounce fine for lots of 10,000 ounces and less.

The Secretary is of the opinion that the Government should not bear the entire expense of transporting Silver East and that such expense should be practically divided between the Treasury and the sellers of bullion. That officer has been making strong exertions to have the rate of transportation East reduced and will no doubt succeed in his efforts.

If the producers and dealers in silver can get better terms than we offer we shall be glad.

The full equivalent of the London rate with the certainty that the resulting coinage will have to be transported East seems to be a rate higher than the Treasury is justified in paying in the present condition of the silver market.

If the order making this reduction should be received as I now anticipate, you are at liberty to make known the grounds upon which it is based.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Lindermann
 Director.

J. H. Maish, Esq.
 Lincolnton, N. C.

Sept. 26th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. addressed to the Treasurer U. S. requesting to be informed of the value of the different silver dollars now in circulation, has been referred to this office.

The United States standard silver dollar authorized by the Act of February 28th 1898, being a full legal tender in the payment of debts, is worth its nominal value. Those coined prior to 1873, in which year their coinage was discontinued, are of like character.

I enclose herewith a circular relative to the value of the Mexican and trade dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

C. J. Coules, Esq.
 Assayer &c.
 Charlotte, N. C.

Sept. 26th 1898.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. transmitting Estimates of Appropriations required for the support of your office for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1880, has been received.

Also estimates to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Gas. Crawford, Esq.

Sept. 26th. 1878.

Sup't. U. S. Mint

Carson. Nev.

Sir:

Your payroll for wages of workmen for the months of July and August respectively, show an expenditure of \$4,318. per month, whilst the appropriation for wages of workmen is only about \$6,666.

There is therefore an expenditure under this head of about \$1,652 per month in excess and, which, if continued, would make a deficiency at the close of the fiscal year of nearly \$20,000.

As there is no available funds out of which this excess of expenditures or appropriations can be lawfully paid, it will be necessary for you to make such reduction of force, or in the rate of compensation, or both, as may appear to be the most proper and expedient, to bring the expenses for wages of workmen within the undrawn and unexpended balance of appropriations.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Sup't. Mint

Sept. 26th. 1878.

Carson. Nev.

You are authorized to purchase lot of silver referred to in your dispatch of yesterday at the rate of one hundred and twelve sixty five hundredth cents per ounce fines.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

M. J. Bonzano, Esq.

late Assayer at Mint U. S.
New Orleans.

Sept. 26th 1878.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office as early as practicable a Statement showing the Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1878.

Very respectfully

W. R. Linderman

Director.

Sept. 26th 1878.

The purchase of silver bullion at the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, will hereafter be made at the equivalent of the London rate on the day of purchase, less three fourths $\frac{3}{4}$, of one cent per ounce fine.

Silver bullion in lots of Ten Thousand ounces or less, will be purchased at the Mints above mentioned, at the equivalent of the London rate, less one cent per ounce fine.

All purchases to be paid for in Standard silver dollars.

(Signed), John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Sept. 4. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sept. 27th. 1878.

Sir:

On and after the 1st proximo silver parted from gold deposits will be paid for in Standard Silver dollars at the rate of 103 cents per standard ounce.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to
J. C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 4. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 27th. 1878.

On and after the first proximo silver parted from gold deposits will be paid for in standard silver dollars at the rate of one hundred and three cents per standard ounce.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Confirmed.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint

Carson, Nev. 'Confirmed.'

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Sept. 4. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sept. 27th. 1878.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the shipment to your Mint, on the 26th inst. of ten obverse and five reverse double eagle dies. Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Telegram.

Sept. Mint

Sept. 27th. 1878.San Francisco.

Until further notice purchases of Silver in lots of less than one thousand ounces and less will be made at your Mint at the equivalent of the London rate on day of purchase less one cent per ounce fine.

H. R. Linderman

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Sept. Mint

Carson. Nev. (Confirmed.)H. M. Millsbaugh, Esq.Sept. 27th. 1878.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th inst. making application for the position of Asst. Assayer of the Mint in your City has been received, and the same will receive due consideration whenever that position is to be filled.

You are mistaken in supposing that your appointment has been opposed by myself.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate & Co.Sept. 27th. 1878.

47 Wall St. New York.

Will accept twenty five thousand ounces at the rate of one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine deliverable at Philadelphia.

Offer good for today only:

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

For Director Mining.

Jos. Nimmo, Jr. Esq.Sept. 27th. 1878.

Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 26th inst. requesting that I should fill out an enclosed blank designed to show the annual productions of gold and silver in the United States since 1853, I transmit herewith the statement called for.

I have not yet prepared an estimate for 1878 as the necessary data for that purpose have not all been received, but it will probably show an increase of both gold and silver.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

John M. Donaldson, Esq.Sept. 27th. 1878.132 North 40th St.

Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a note to Thomas C. Acton, Esq. Supt. U. S. Assay Office, Wall St. New York, which you will please present in person by the first provisions, or as soon thereafter as practicable, in order that you may be assigned to duty.

In accordance with our uniform practice your compensation at first will be quite moderate, but as you progress in the knowledge of the details of assaying, you will be promoted accordingly.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 27th. 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday in reference to the employment of Mr. John M. Donaldson, you are informed that I have sent a note to Mr. D. requesting him to report to you in person on the first prox. or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. C. Acton, Esq.

Sept. 26th. 1878.Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The bearer of this note is Mr. John M. Donaldson, whom yourself and the Assayer have arranged to give employment in the Assay Dept. of your Office.

I commend him to your kind attention as a gentleman of intelligence and excellent character, and who, I have no doubt, will prove his merits when afforded an opportunity to do so.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Sept. 28th. 1878.Philadelphia.

Five hundred thousand dollars have been placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurers at New York today.

Continued.

R. C. Preston, Actg. Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. Mint, U. S.
 Philadelphia.

Sept. 25th 1898.

Sir:

I have to advise you of the purchase of 35,000 ounces fine silver from Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co. and 10,700 ounces from Messrs. Laidlaw & Co. for delivery at your Mint; - You will please receive and pay for the same in Standard Silver dollars by draft on New York at the rate of 113 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
 Sup't. U. S. Mint
 Phil^a.

Sept. 28th 1898.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 27th inst. transmitting Estimate of Appropriations required for the support of your Mint, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1880.

Respectfully

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Telegram.

J. B. Colgate & Co.
 47th Wall St.
 New York.

Sept. 28th 1898.

Will accept twenty-five thousand ounces deliverable at Philadelphia at one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine, offer good for today only.

R. E. Preston

Actg Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram

Henry Sanford, Esq.Sept. 28th 1878.General Manager Adams Express Co.
New York City.

Sir:

I have to request that you will inform this office of the lowest rates at which you will undertake to transport, from time to time, gold and silver bullions respectively from the U. S. Mint at Denver to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Wells Fargo & Company ExpressSept. 28th 1878.

New York City.

Sir:

I have to request that you will inform this office of the lowest rate at which you will undertake to transport from time to time gold and silver bullion respectively from the U. S. Mint at Denver to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Similar letter addressed to
President American Express Co.
New York City.

Telegram.

Saidlaw & Co.Sept. 28th 1878.

12 Pine St. New York.

Will accept silver offered at the rate of one hundred and thirteen cents per ounce fine, deliverable at Philadelphia. Offer good for today only.

R. C. Preston

Actg Director.

Confirmed.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury

Sept. 30th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference of the 20th inst. of a letter of the Secretary of State under date of the 18th inst. transmitting a packet of samples of coins from the Mint at Osaka, Japan, together with a copy of a letter from the Japanese Minister requesting that the samples be assayed at the Mint of the United States.

I transmit herewith a copy of the report of the Assayer of the Mint at Philadelphia upon the coins in question.

I may add that the samples being small were nearly all consumed in the assay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury

Sept. 30th 1878.

Sir:

The letter of the Secretary of the Interior of the 26th of July last, in which the request is made that the Director of the Mint would furnish a design for the proposed Indian Peace Medal, is herewith returned.

I have caused two designs to be prepared for the reverse of the medal, and herewith enclose the same.

My preference is for design No. 2 but if it should be accepted, I would suggest that the wagon should have a covering similar to that uniformly used on the Plains, and that the tents should be made to conform strictly to the Indian styles.

I enclose a copper medal to show merely the size, form and general appearance of the proposed medal; this medal I will thank you to cause to be returned to this Office, after the Secretary of the Interior shall have examined it.

The weight of the proposed medal will be about four ounces and the cost, including a ring for suspension about five dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wells, Fargo & Co.

Sept. 30th. 1878.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will inform this Office of the lowest rates at which you will undertake to transport from time to time gold and silver bullions respectively from the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Wells, Fargo & Co.

Sept. 30th. 1878.

New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will inform this Office of the lowest rates at which you will undertake to transport from time to time gold and silver bullion respectively from the U. S. Assay Office at Boise to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Alfred S. Field, Esq.
22 Case Block
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sept. 30th 1878.

Sir:

As per request in your letter of the 27th inst. I send you by today's mail a copy of my Report for 1877. The Report for 1878 is not yet out.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. J. B. Cookgate & Co.
47 Wall St.
New York.

Sept. 30th 1878.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry as to whether in the near future you may expect the Government to accept delivery of sales of silver at the Assay Office in your City, I have to state that at present we do not contemplate making any change in the place of delivery.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

German American Bank
West Cleveland, Ohio.

Sept. 30th 1878.

No law authorizes the Government to receive trade dollars for any sum. We purchase them at market value as silver bullion.

(Signed) John Sherman
Secretary.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.
 U. S. Mint,
 San Francisco.

Sept. 30th 1878.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. in reference to the placing of new locks upon the vaults of your Mint was received today, and your recommendation carefully considered.

Whilst agreeing with you fully, that the most improved lock should be procured, I found upon inquiring about the Dept. that there have been several of these new locks embarrassed with conflicting patents.

This is one of the obstacles in the way of your attending to that business direct, and in anything proposed to be done which may affect directly or indirectly the safety of the public funds, it should be accomplished through the officer whose duty it is to attend to such matters.

I have therefore requested the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the Supervising Architect to have this, or the best lock put on your vaults.

I will endeavor to see that there shall be no delay in having the business attended to.

Very respectfully
 H. R. Linderman
 Director.

Sept. 30th 1878.

Telegram. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Letter of 21st inst. reference to Locks has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury with recommendation that the most approved locks be procured under the direction of the Supervising Architect, reasons by mail.

Confirmed.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Sept. 30th. 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me to what appropriation the \$381 for \$2.⁰⁰ enclosed in your letter of the 17th inst. is to be carried

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

H. L. Dodge, Esq.Sept. 30th. 1878.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. transmitting corrected statement of silver purchases from 11 to 21st August 1878, has been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Hon. Martin MaginnisSept. 30th. 1878.

Delegate, Helena, Montana.

Department has not yet been able to make arrangements for the transportation of the bullion East.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent MintSept. 30th. 1878.Philadelphia.

Please forward list of removals today.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

October 1st 1878.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Some four months ago gold bullion of the coining value of about three and a half millions dollars was transferred to your Mint from the Assistant Treasurers in New York, and instructions given you to have the same converted into half and quarter eagles.

According to our record, only about two millions dollars of this bullion have been coined.

You are instructed to complete this coinage without unnecessary delay.

The coinage for last month appears to be small compared with the force employed, and you should impress on the operative officers, the importance of more rigorous working.

Compared with the coinage of the San Francisco Mint for the same month, your coinage is considerably less, both in value and number of pieces, and this notwithstanding the fact that, after excluding the Cabinet, Cent-redemption and Engraver's Dept. the number of workmen employed is greater at Philadelphia since the redemption than at San Francisco.

Your careful attention to this subject is earnestly invited.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Regulations for the purchase of Gold Bullion at the U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C. and the transfer of the same to the Mint at Philadelphia for coinage on account of the United States.

1. Gold produced by the Mines of North Carolina and Georgia being of a fineness of 600 thousandths and above, bullion of a fineness less than 600 ~~th~~ will not be purchased.

2. Where the bullion contains silver in quantity sufficient to warrant it to be parted on account of the depositor, a charge of four cents per ounce gross will be deducted, and the parted silver credited to the seller.

3. The charge for melting and assaying will be one tenth of one per cent on the gross value of the deposit, which will also be deducted from the value of the bullion.

4. Bullion purchased under these regulations will, from time to time, be transmitted by mail to the Philadelphia Mint, in registered packages not exceeding four pounds avoirdupois.

5. A deduction will be made from each purchase, sufficient to pay the expenses of transmitting the bullion to the Mint at Philadelphia.

6. The bullion when received at the Mint will be assayed, parted, coined and accounted for according to law.

7. A bullion fund of \$5000. in U. S. legal tender notes and standard silver dollars will be furnished the Assayer in charge of the Assay Office at Charlotte, upon the requisition of the Director of the Mint and

additional amounts in sums not exceeding \$5000. as may from time to time be required, to pay for such gold bullion as may offer.

8. Subject to the deductions herein prescribed, gold bullion will be paid for at its coining value, in U. S. legal tender notes or standard silver dollars at par.

9. Detailed instructions for carrying these regulations into effect will be given by the Director of the Mint.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Approved Oct. 1. 1848.

(Signed) John Sherman

Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Oct. 1st 1848.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadel^a

Sir:

This will introduce to you Mr. Henry Brooke of Allegheny City, Pa. who desires to examine the steel rolls in use at your Mint, to satisfy himself as to whether a patent of his is being infringed upon.

You will please afford Mr. Brooke every facility in the personal examination of the rolls which he desires to make.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Oct. 1st 1898.Supt. U. S. Mint, Phil^a.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday explaining the delay in furnishing estimates for platform scales.

In a public institution using so much coal as a mint, there should be convenient means of weighing the coal in the carts when delivered at the mint.

If this can be done both as to the coiners and melters & refiners dept. by erecting platform scales in Juniper Street pavement, it will only be necessary to provide one pair of platform scales.

I trust there may be no difficulty when the city councils meet this month, in your procuring the necessary authority to place a platform scale in the Juniper St. pavement.

Means must be provided for weighing all the coal on its delivery at the mint.

This can only be conveniently done by the use of platform scales which must be provided.

The details are left to your direction.

Very respectfully

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Oct. 1st 1898.Supt. Mint, Phil^a.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish this office with a Statement showing the approximate amount of Profits on the coinage of Standard Silver dollars on hand at your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Lindermann
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
H. L. Dodge, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Jas. Cranford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co.
12 Pine St. New York.
Gentlemen:

Oct. 1st 1898.

Referring to your letter of the 23rd August, and that of your Mr. H. B. Laidlaw of the 27th ult., I have to inform you that at present we are purchasing silver bullion to be delivered at the Philadelphia Mint, at the equivalent of the London rate, computed on the current rate of sterling exchange, on the day of sale, payable in standard silver dollars by draft on New York.

Subject to these conditions we will promptly act upon any offer you may choose to make us by telegraph or letter.

The delivery may be made at any time within ten or fifteen days, at the price agreed upon on the day of sale.

Very respectfully
H. R. Lindermann
Director.

John S. Dye, Esq.
1338 Chestnut St. Philadel^a.

Oct. 1st 1898.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a statement of the coinage executed by the Mints during the month of September, 1898.

Very respectfully
H. R. Lindermann, Director.

Hon. A. BellOct. 1st 1878.

Acting Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a letter referred to this office by you from Henry Brooke of Allegheny City, Penna. who appears to think that the Philadelphia Mint is infringing on a patent of his for steel rolls.

I have this day enclosed to Mr. Brooke a note of introduction to the Supt. of the Mint with instructions to that officer to afford Mr. B. every facility for making a personal examination of the steel rolls in use there.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Henry Brooke, Esq.Oct. 1st 1878.

117 Main St. Allegheny City, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th ult: to the Secretary of the Interior, has been referred to this office for reply.

You appear to think that the Philadelphia Mint is infringing on a patent of yours in the use of steel rolls, and you intimate that you would like to visit the Mint at Philadelphia to satisfy yourself by a personal examination of the steel rolls in use there.

I enclose herewith a note to the Supt. of the Mint at Phil^a instructing that Officer to afford you every facility for a personal examination of the steel rolls in use at that Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Benjamin Lamb, Esq.
812 Broadway, New York.

Oct. 1st 1848.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th ult^o requesting to be informed whether the United States ever issued a gold coin of the denomination of one dollar and a half.

No coin of this value has ever been issued by the Government, nor am I aware of any having been manufactured by private enterprise in California or elsewhere.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Benj. Wright, Esq.
Bulletin, San Francisco.

Oct. 1st 1848.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a statement of the coinage executed at the Mint at Philadelphia during the month of Sept. 1848.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Oct. 1st 1848.

You may proceed to put in new boilers at the time stated in your despatch. Your expenses for wages of workmen having thus far been in excess of the appropriation for that purpose you should consider the propriety of placing your force on half pay during the suspension of work. See my letter of 26th ultimo.

Continued.

H. R. Linderman Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

Oct. 1st 1898.

You are authorized to purchase
 Dore offered by Lazard Freres at one hundred
 twelve and thirteen hundredth cents per
 ounce fines for silver contained.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director

James B. Colgate & Co.

Oct. 1st 1898.

47 Wall St. New York.

Will accept twenty-five thousand
 ounces deliverable at Philadelphia at the
 rate of one hundred twelve and eighty eight
 hundredth cents per ounce fines. Offer good
 for today only.

H. R. Lindermann

Director.

Telegram.

Robert Wetherill & Co.

Oct. 1st 1898.

Chester. Pa.

Please state by letter today price
 at which you propose to construct each
 machine respectively under your bid.

H. R. Lindermann

Confirmed.

Director Mint.

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